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Berrien County parks director to retire

Bailey has been with department since 1990

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Brian Bailey is retiring as Berrien County parks director.

Bailey's decision to leave the post was announced at the county board of commissioner's meeting Monday.

BAILEY

Bailey, 53, is officially leaving the parks department May 15.

"Once you get to that point of retirement eligibility, you have to make a decision of whether you will continue to work as long as you want or take the route that I have chosen and retire," Bailey said. "We'll see what the future holds."

Bailey went to work for the parks department in 1990 as a temporary assistant manager at Madeline Bertrand County Park.

In 1993 he became Silver Beach manager, a post he held for 15 years before taking on the parks director mantle.

After logging nearly 30 years with the county, Bailey said he plans to seek employment after this.

"I plan to stay here in Berrien County. My wife and I love the area," he said. "My goal is to continue to make this place a better place to live, work and play."

Bailey said he and his wife have often discussed the possibility of retirement.

"I've heard a lot of congratulations from park staff when we met yesterday (Wednesday)," Bailey said. "We've done some exciting projects and it's a very worthwhile career to know that we've had a life-long impact on citizens and visitors."

A native of Marquette, Bailey attended high school in Lansing.

He obtained a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation administration, then a master's degree in public administration, at Western Michigan University.

"I'll miss the dreams and visions of what can and will happen with recreation in Berrien County parks," Bailey said.

Bailey's retirement comes at a time when the county is experiencing a lot of turnover.

After filling the chief public defender position, the county will see its administrator, treasurer, 911 coordinator and legal counsel leave this year.

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Checking the waves

Don Campbell / HP staff

A surfer checks Lake Michigan conditions Wednesday night along the shores of Silver Beach in St. Joseph, where a mild winter storm kicked up considerable surf.

BERRIEN COUNTY

Commissioners name new chief public defender

Paul Jancha Jr. takes over post next month

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County has its next chief public defender.

The Berrien County Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Paul Jancha Jr. as chief public defender at Thursday's board meeting.

Jancha will take over the position effective March 20. His starting annual salary will be $102,569.

The Royalton Township resident joined the county in May 2019 as chief assistant public defender.

"The responsibility of ensuring that the most vulnerable of our community are provided with compassion and zealous representation is one that I have understood since I began my legal career," Jancha wrote in a letter to the board. "… If given the opportunity to serve as chief public defender for Berrien County, it would be my mission to continue and to build upon the great work of this office and ensure a voice for the voiceless in our community."

County Administrator Bill Wolf said the interview committee unanimously recommended Jancha for the position.

The interview committee that looked over applicants included Commissioners Mac Elliott, Bill Chickering, Chris Heugel and Bob Harrison, as well as Wolf and Human Resources Director Shelley Jasper.

"It's one of those few times when staff and commissioners are put on a hiring committee to make a decision," Wolf said Thursday.

The position was posted for about a month before interviews took place.

In addition to working for the county, Jancha was previously a partner for Jancha, Strewn and Jancha Law Offices in St. Joseph.

During his time as chief assistant public defender, Jancha supervised and trained other members of the indigent defense, assisted in recruiting and hiring new employees, while also carrying a caseload.

Jancha earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Notre Dame and graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in 2009.

Been here before

The county began looking for a new defender after Christopher Renna submitted his resignation

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Just what is it about Bernie Sanders that young voters love?

By MELISSA GOMEZ and MELANIE MASON
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

LOS ANGELES — It is one of the most consistent – and counterintuitive – facts behind Bernie Sanders' four-year march from insurgent presidential contender to front-runner: The oldest candidate in the Democratic field owes his success to the youngest voters in the party.

Sanders, 78, with a surly resting face and a disheveled halo of thinning white hair, may seem like an unorthodox choice for voters several generations removed. But with his defiance for convention and decades-long crusade for revolution, Sanders is uncommonly in sync with the political sensibilities of younger Americans hungry for sweeping action on climate change, student debt and health care.

For younger voters, their formative years have primed them to embrace more radical politics. The warnings they hear from scientists about the consequence of climate change have become increasingly dire. The frequent school shootings that have made lockdown drills a normal part of life have prompted students to call for more government regulation on guns. The Great Recession – which hammered millennials as they entered the job market while Generation Z watched their parents weather the downturn – instilled a deep skepticism about Wall Street and, more broadly, the country's economic structures.

Sanders may come across as angry. But young voters consider the problems at hand and figure, why shouldn't he be?

"You have people that actually criticize him for being so passionate and yelling at you," said Norma Sandoval, a UCLA graduate student in molecular biology. "But you see that he truly does want what's best for the majority of the people."

Ideological affinity, coupled with a head start on youth organizing from his 2016 campaign, has made the Vermont senator a formidable favorite among millennial and Generation Z voters.

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Stanson bound over for trial on CSC charges

Allegations detailed in prelim

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A man who eluded police for nearly five years has been bound over for trial in Berrien County on four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct.

William Troy Stanson, 53, is accused of sexually molesting a girl under the age of 13 for years before, at age 16, she became pregnant with his baby. The alleged victim, now 21, told Berrien County Trial Court Judge Charles LaSata that Stanson took her to Indiana to have an abortion.

STANSON

The Herald-Palladium does not identify potential sexual assault victims.

Under questioning by Jeffrey Taylor, chief trial attorney for the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office, the woman told the court she eventually told a good friend, then her mother, about the assaults.

Michigan State Police Trooper Jeffrey Baublit said he interviewed Stanson about the accusations on July 17, 2015, but did not arrest him that night. He said Stanson denied several times that he had assaulted the girl, then eventually said he and the girl had "an intimate and loving relationship" that involved sexual intercourse.

When he asked Stanson how many times it had happened, Stanson replied, "When it's love, you don't count," Baublit told the court.

Stanson's lawyer, Stephanie Low, asked Baublit whether Stanson had an attorney present at the interview, or whether he had requested one and Baublit said "No he did not." Low asked Baublit whether he told Stanson what to write in a written confession that was admitted as evidence. Baublit responded, "I told him to add details."

Before Stanson could be arrested on the CSC charges, he fled the area. In 2014, he had been charged and convicted after pleading no

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AP decides not to declare Iowa caucus winner after recount

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iowa Democratic Party on Thursday released updated results of the Iowa caucuses after the completion of a recount requested by the campaigns of Bernie Sanders and Pete Buttigieg.

In the new results, Buttigieg has 562.954 state delegate equivalents and Sanders has 562.021 state delegate equivalents out of 2,151 counted. That is a margin of 0.04 percentage points.

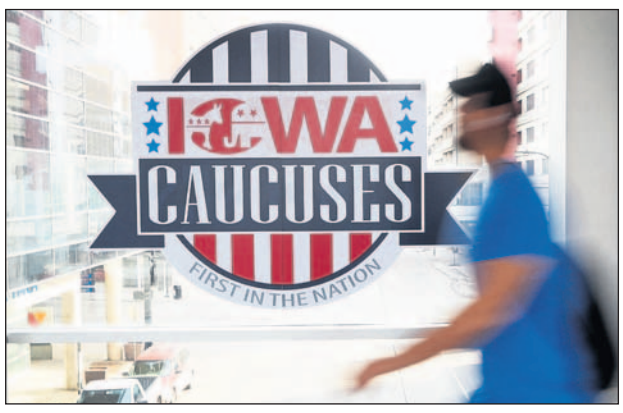
The Associated Press has reviewed the updated results and will not call a winner, given remaining concerns about whether the results as reported by the party are fully accurate. The Feb. 3 caucuses were beset by technical glitches that led to a delay in reporting the results, inconsistencies in the numbers and no clear winner.

The party plans to certify the results on Saturday. At that point, the caucuses will formally end, and no further changes to the results will be made.

Iowa awards 41 national delegates in its caucuses. As it stands, Buttigieg has 13 delegates and Sanders has 12. Elizabeth Warren won eight, Joe Biden won six and Amy Klobuchar won one.

A final delegate will be awarded to Buttigieg as the candidate with the most state delegate equivalents. The AP will update its tally of the national delegates won in Iowa with that final delegate on Saturday, once the Iowa Democratic Party formally votes to certify the results.

Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Troy Price resigned after the caucus fiasco, saying that Democrats deserved better and that he bore responsibility for any failures. Iowa Democrats selected Iowa state Rep. Mark Smith as interim chairman after Price's resignation.



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Apedestrian walks past a sign for the Iowa Caucuses on a downtown skywalk on Feb. 4, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QD-4C-9C-6D-2S
Midday Daily 3
6-0-1
Midday Daily 4
0-6-6-7
Daily 3
3-6-0
Daily 4
1-9-4-3
Fantasy 5
07-10-12-17-27
Keno
01-11-12-17-18-21-28-29-37-38-43-45-49-51-55-57-61-62-64-65-66-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$60 million
Powerball jackpot
$80 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
08-27-29-36-47, Powerball: 24, Power Play: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
04-19-25-31-35
Estimated jackpot
$452,000
Cash4Life
17-21-32-36-52, Cash Ball: 3
Lotto Plus
02-05-21-34-39-46
Quick Draw Midday
01-14-15-28-33-35-37-43-44-45-56-57-58-60-67-68-74-75-78-79, BE: 57
Daily Three-Midday
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Daily Three-Evening
9-6-0, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
4-9-1-3, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
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Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
14-22-30-35-38
Pick Three-Midday
8-0-6, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
6-4-7, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
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African American leaders applaud President Donald Trump as they end their meeting in the Cabinet Room of the White House, Thursday, in Washington.

President Trump meets with black supporters, vows equal opportunity

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Thursday cited low unemployment rates for African Americans and passage of a criminal justice bill providing earlier release for thousands of federal drug offenders as examples of how he's helping the black community.

Trump met with African American supporters Thursday as part of the White House commemoration of Black History Month.

"I will not stop. I will not give up until we have delivered equal and abundant opportunity to every neighborhood across our land," Trump said at a reception.

Before the reception, he met with black supporters who complained that Trump was not being given enough credit, or that he had been portrayed unfairly as racist.

"You attack him, you attack all of us," said Bruce LeVell of Georgia.

Trump's reelection campaign has stepped up its outreach to black Americans as it tries to claw away support from the traditionally Democratic voting bloc ahead of November's general election.

Approval of Trump among black Americans has been consistent at about 1 in 10 over the course of his presidency. A Pew Research Center analysis of people who participated in its polls and were confirmed to have voted showed Trump won just 6 percent of black voters in 2016.

But the campaign claims it is seeing an uptick of support among black men in particular – and notes that even a small shift in the electorate could decide close races.

U.S. considers more water recycling

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

David Zalubowski / AP

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt joins President Donald Trump as he speaks at a campaign rally in Colorado Springs, Colo. on Feb. 20.

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration moved Thursday on a water-recycling push it says could get good use out of more of the wastewater that industries, cities and farms spew out, including the billions of barrels of watery waste generated by oil and gas fields each year.

Some environmental groups eye the effort suspiciously, fearing the Trump administration will use the project to allow businesses to offload hazardous wastewater in ways that threaten drinking water sources and otherwise risk public health. Businesses including oil and gas developers have urged the Trump administration to allow them more ways to get rid of their increasing volumes of wastewater.

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Environmental Protection Agency administrator Andrew Wheeler were on hand for the launch of what they called an action plan for water reuse nationwide. President Donald Trump – who has pushed to make work easier for oil and gas developers and direct more water to farmers – triggered the effort in a 2018 memo.

The effort "frames the business case that water reuse is a viable and growing means of supporting our economy and improving the availability of freshwater," the EPA said in a statement Thursday.

Short on details, the plan sketches out state, federal and tribal and local efforts looking at the policies, rules, research and possible uses in reclaiming and using more stormwater, rainfall and wastewater left over from farms, factories and coolant systems, wastewater plants, and oil and gas production.

It includes finishing a study that will support consideration of "potential regulatory and nonregulatory approaches" to reusing oilfield wastewater by April, the EPA said.

Uses for some of the wastewater overall could include watering crops, treating it for use as drinking water, and refilling underground water aquifers being drained by heavy pumping, the plan says.

"Wastewater from the fracking process is certainly at the top of our minds," Wheeler said, in looking to boost reuse of what industry calls produced water.

Drinking water standards and other laws and rules limit the ways that farms, cities and oil and gas developers, among others, can get rid of their wastewater. The fluids are often tainted with brine, chemicals, metals or other byproducts.

The industry practice of pumping oilfield wastewater back underground has raised fears of contamination of drinking-water reserves in some states. In Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Geological Survey and other scientists earlier in the decade linked a surge in earthquakes with the 1.5 billion barrels of wastewater that the oil and gas industry was disposing of by pumping back underground.

In California, initial projects watering orchards and some other crops with water that includes oilfield wastewater.

"The Trump administration is trying to prop up the oil and gas industry by greenlighting more ways to dump vast amounts of waste fluid that's often toxic and even radioactive," said Hollin Kretzmann, an attorney with the Center for Biological Diversity.

AP-NORC poll: Election security worries Americans

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans have widespread concerns about the security and integrity of elections, with few saying they have high confidence that votes in the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately.

A poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds skepticism about the democratic process in the United States. While a third of Americans say they have high confidence in an accurate count, roughly another third are only moderately confident and a remaining third say they have little confidence.

"What's to prevent old Vlad Putin from interfering in the election? I don't know," says Reid Gibson, an independent voter in Missouri, referring to the Russian president, who U.S intelligence agencies say interfered in the 2016 election with a sophisticated operation to sow division and help elect Donald Trump, a Republican.

FBI Director Christopher Wray told Congress this month that Russia is still engaged in "information warfare" heading into the 2020 election but that law enforcement has not seen efforts to target infrastructure like voting machines.

Still, U.S. officials say one of Russia's goals is to sow doubt about the integrity of U.S. elections, and the poll suggests that even if Russia isn't targeting voting infrastructure it may be achieving that goal because of the lack of voter confidence following from the 2016 election.

Gibson, who says he leans Democratic, is pessimistic about the state of U.S. politics and has little confidence that votes in the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately. He says he's been concerned about the way elections are conducted since 2000, when voter problems in Florida delayed resolution of the presidential election and a Supreme Court decision to stop a ballot recount ultimately put George W. Bush, a Republican, in office.

In general, Americans have mixed feelings about the way the country's political leaders are chosen, with about as many saying they are optimistic as saying they are pessimistic.

There also are widespread fears about security vulnerabilities as well as voter suppression and voter fraud. About half of Americans say they are highly concerned that the country's voting systems might be vulnerable to hackers, and about that many also are strongly concerned about foreign governments interfering by tampering with election results or influencing American attitudes.

But concerns vary significantly by partisanship, with Democrats more likely than Republicans to express worries about the security of elections. About 6 in 10 Democrats say they are very or extremely concerned that voting systems might be vulnerable to hackers. Roughly two-thirds also are highly concerned that foreign governments will interfere in 2020 by tampering with results or influencing what Americans think about political candidates.

By contrast, fewer than half of Republicans express significant concern about hackers, and just about a quarter are highly concerned about any form of foreign interference.

U.S. intelligence agencies and special counsel Robert Mueller found that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election. Mueller charged 13 Russians in a covert social media campaign that prosecutors said was aimed at dividing public opinion on hot-button social issues as well as propping up Trump while denigrating Hillary Clinton, the 2016 Democratic nominee.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,074 adults was conducted Feb. 13-16 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

hp LOCAL & STATE

Whirlpool, U-M study dishwashing efficiency

Are dishwashers more efficient than hand-washing? It depends

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. has been paying close attention to dishes for decades.

But recently the Benton Harbor appliance maker teamed up with University of Michigan researchers to see if dishwashers use less energy and water than traditional hand-washing techniques.

According to the study, dishwashers are more efficient versus hand-washing, except for the two-basin method – in which dishes are scrubbed and soaked in hot water and then rinsed in cold water.

Ron Voglewede, Whirlpool's global sustainability director, said the study was done by Whirlpool employees at two locations over the course of a month.

However, it took even longer to prepare for the study and analyze the results afterward.

"This is something we've been doing quite a bit," Voglewede said in regard to partnering with universities for research purposes. "We had been kicking around this idea of what the environmental impact of our products were."

In his role at Whirlpool, Voglewede said his department takes a three-prong approach by focusing on the sustainability of the company's facilities, products and practices.

This method led to the study published earlier this month which addressed the ultimate question: Is it better to wash dishes by hand or dishwasher?

The results ultimately showed dishwashers are better – not just performance-wise, but environmentally.

The study, published Feb. 12 in "Environmental Research Communications," found:

■ Avoiding pre-rinsing and deselecting the "heated dry" setting can significantly reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with machine dishwashers.

■ The common "running tap" method of manual dishwashing used more energy and more water than any other dishwashing method tested.

■ If people washing dishes by hand switched from the running tap to the two-basin method, they could reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions by about two-thirds.

The process

In the observational study, 38 Whirlpool employees were asked to load a dishwasher and manually wash dishes like they would at home before answering survey questions related to their behaviors.

Data was collected at Whirlpool's dishwasher manufacturing plant in Findlay, Ohio, and a small laboratory study was done at the company's Benton Harbor headquarters.

"We kept cleaning scores. The actual performance of the cleaning was very good with the dishwashers," Voglewede said. "Dishwashers have become better over time. With the study, we were microwaving eggs in bowls and cheese on plates."

Voglewede pointed to the massive water savings when comparing dishwashers to hand-washing.

"When you look at hand washing, especially for those who have the tap running, it uses four times the water than a dishwasher would use," he said.

However, dishwashers were bested by one hand-washing practice used less frequently.

Gregory Keoleian, co-author of the study and U-M professor of civil and environmental engineering, was among the researchers surprised by the two-basin method.

"It's slightly better than the dishwashers we evaluated – the two-basin method had an 18 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions," Keoleian said in the release.

Voglewede said while the two-basin method was slightly more energy efficient than a dishwasher, he said the method was not as effective in cleaning dishes.

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Supporters of SJ student call for fired official's arrest

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — "We demand justice," was a recurring theme Thursday as family and friends showed support for a St. Joseph High School senior who was allegedly assaulted at the school Feb. 20.

Supporters claim Steve Meridy Jr., 18, was verbally threatened and then choked by Chris Glisson, a former site coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club of Benton Harbor at the high school. The club fired Glisson shortly after the incident, but at this point there has been no arrest.

"We're asking, we're demanding for justice to be served," said father Steve Meridy Sr., at a news conference at Abundant Life Church of God in Christ in Benton Harbor. "It's been eight days since the attack and (Glisson's) still on the loose."

Glisson declined to comment on the incident after it occurred, and no one has said officially what may have prompted the confrontation.

In an emailed statement, Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said he had asked the St. Joseph police for further investigation. Sepic said he's been told that they will have a supplemental report ready today.

"I am determined to have all the information available to make a good charging decision regarding Mr. Glisson," Sepic wrote. "The perceived delay is perfectly normal. This perceived delay should not be construed to mean either that Mr. Glisson will or will not be charged."

Louise Wrege / HP staff

Steve Meridy Sr. demands justice during a news conference Thursday for his son, St. Joseph High School senior Steve Meridy Jr., 18, second from right. His son was allegedly assaulted Feb. 20 by Chris Glisson, a former site coordinator at the school for the Boys and Girls Club of Benton Harbor. The club fired Glisson shortly after the incident. About 30 family and friends gathered in support at Abundant Life Church of God in Christ in Benton Harbor. Pictured on the right is Pastor Duane Seats, who is also a Benton Harbor city commissioner.

Steve Meridy Sr., who is black, said people get arrested all the time and are charged later. He said they are only allowed to go home to their families after they make bail. But he said Glisson, who is white, was allowed to make a statement and then to go home to his family without being arrested.

"It's not a black and white issue. It's the right issue," he said.

Benton Harbor City Commissioner Duane Seats, pastor of the church, agreed.

"Today we say enough is enough," Seats said. "We demand justice right now. ... If our kids do anything in the community, they are immediately arrested and they can prove the case later."

Seats said there is a video of the incident, and that law enforcement officials have refused to share the video.

"We've said this is not something that has to do with color," Seats said. " ... Show us that you have the same ability to prosecute yours as well as ours."

Steve Meridy Jr.'s mother, Toni Meridy, said the past eight days have been the most stressful in her life and her son has been suffering from nose bleeds and chest pains.

Pastor Carlton Lynch said this isn't the first time black people have had to wait for someone to be arrested.

"Even after Trayvon Martin was killed ... it took 30 days for George Zimmerman to be arrested," he said. " ... When we say, 'Black lives matter,' what we are saying is that we agree that all lives matter. We just want to be included in the 'all.'"

Lynch said he is also asking the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to step in because the local chapter hasn't reached out to the Meridy family to offer any support.

"Not only are we calling for (Glisson's) arrest, but we're calling for the people in the national office to show their support for the arrest," he said.

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YMCA to host Day of Giving on Monday

By HP STAFF

NILES — The YMCA of Greater Michiana will host the YMCA Day of Giving on Monday.

The Day of Giving is a one-day event geared toward promoting an opportunity to give to your local Y in the greater Michiana area, including the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA, Niles-Buchanan YMCA, and South Bend-Mishawaka YMCA.

The one-day effort shows support for the Y's annual and capital campaigns. Donations can be made toward supporting annual Y programs such as camps, safety around water, youth sports and after-school programs, or toward supporting capital initiatives, such as expansions and improvements. Those who wish to participate may visit their local Y to donate in-person, or may donate online at ymcagm.org/donate.

"The Day of Giving is a terrific way to rally behind the important work being done daily at the Y," said Bill Healy, director of development, YMCA of Greater Michiana. "These donations will help us ensure we meet critical community needs through our core focus areas of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility."

The YMCA of Greater Michiana served over 20,000 members in 2019 and provided over $140,000 in scholarships for memberships. In addition, all three branches are currently working toward raising funds to support capital projects.

To learn more about YMCA Day of Giving, visit ymcagm.org.

Building confidence one step at a time

Tommie Ellis is Boys & Girls Club's Youth of the Year

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor 2020 Junior Youth of the Year, Tommie Ellis, said he was very shy and somewhat depressed when he first became a member of the club in 2012.

That is when he moved back to Benton Harbor with his mom and three siblings after his parents got divorced. The family had lived in the Flint-area for five years.

"Until I came (to the club), I felt like I was depressed," said Ellis, 13, a seventh-grader at Mildred C. Wells Academy in Benton Harbor. "I didn't know what to do. I had to ask staff for help. After I told them, it was, like, every time I came here, all the attention was on me."

Today, he is preparing to travel April 16-18 to Detroit with the club's 2020 Youth of the Year, Tékeidra Masters, 17, a senior at Benton Harbor High School. She will compete for the state title while Ellis soaks in the experience.

Ellis said the club has helped him learn to seize the moment. He said that when he was asked to do something at the club, he used to say he had to think about it. And then when he decided he wanted to do it, it was too late because someone else was already doing it.

"It helped me because I just started doing stuff," he said. "That's how I became Junior Youth of the Year. I'm still kind of (shy), but I'm getting more confident."

His mother, Apollonia Williams, said the club also helped him discover his passion – dancing. She said she didn't know he could dance until she attended a program at the club.

"That's what really sparks his interest and I found out what he really loves," she said. "When you talk about dancing, that's his world."

Ellis said he wants to be a dance choreographer when he grows up.

Courtney Webb, unit director of the club's Youth Center, said she has enjoyed watching Ellis gain confidence and become a leader over the years.

"He was definitely shy initially," she said. "I think the Junior Youth of the Year program helped him learn the strength of his voice and how he can touch other kids his age by telling his story."

She said a lot of the club members don't want to share the obstacles they face in life because they are ashamed of them.

But she said that Ellis has motivated other members when he talks about the difficulties he went through after his parents divorced.

"He has a lot of kids thinking like, 'Wow, if he can do it, I can do it, too,'" Webb said.

" ... We tell the kids to tell their story. There's nothing wrong with it. No one's perfect. Everybody goes through something."

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Tommie Ellis, 13, is this year's Boys & Girls Club Junior Youth of the Year. Ellis said he was very shy when he first started coming to the club, but has since gained the confidence to speak out more

MARKETS

Feb. 27, 2020
Dow Jones industrials
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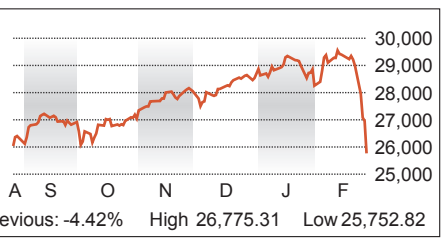

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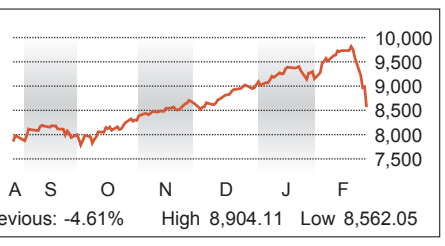

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▼ **4-wk.** -11.8% ▼ **YTD** -2.8%

Whirlpool WHR
$131.45 **-16.43 -11.1%**
▼ **4-wk.** -14.0% ▼ **YTD** -10.9%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	29.67	39.70	35.73	-1.37	-3.7	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	80.66	104.97	91.86	-5.57	-5.7	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	169.50	327.85	273.52	-19.13	-6.5	▼	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	916.85	1274.41	1004.98	-9.08	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	32.65	45.38	31.53	-1.15	-3.5	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	53.55	69.12	62.82	-3.62	-5.4	▼	▼	▬
CocaCola	KO	44.61	60.07	54.93	-2.67	-4.6	▼	▼	▼
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Disney	DIS	107.32	153.41	118.04	-5.32	-4.3	▼	▼	▼
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ExxonMbl	XOM	52.93	83.49	49.82	-3.19	-6.0	▼	▼	▼
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1stSource	SRCE	41.88	53.42	43.48	-1.63	-3.6	▼	▼	▼
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HomeDp	HD	179.52	247.12	224.73	-10.55	-4.5	▼	▼	▲
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Microsoft	MSFT	108.80	190.70	158.18	-11.99	-7.0	▼	▼	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	33.94	49.88	35.42	-1.50	-4.1	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.53	1.92	.69	-.04	-4.9	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	63.86	51.82	-8.62	-14.3	▼	▼	▲
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Stryker	SYK	174.84	226.30	194.85	-6.81	-3.4	▼	▼	▼
TCF Finl	TCF	35.96	47.71	38.49	-.67	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	105.62	-5.04	-4.6	▼	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	88.02	114.25	90.43	-1.06	-1.2	▼	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	92.65	125.31	90.24	-3.49	-3.7	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	54.26	62.22	55.06	-2.08	-3.6	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	75.53	103.25	95.56	-4.73	-4.7	▼	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	110.40	-3.38	-3.0	▼	▼	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	47.24	71.88	46.24	-1.43	-3.0	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	24.04	20.08	-1.81	-8.3	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	114.00	163.64	131.45	-4.66	-3.4	▼	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	33.18	44.69	32.95	-1.56	-4.5	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	45.73	100.18	76.01	-7.02	-8.5	▼	▼	▼

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold from $24-26, Golden Delicious sold from $36-39, Fuji sold for $32-34, Pink Lady brought $38-40, Gala sold from $32-35, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold from $48-50. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $22, while Golden Delicious brought $23, Gala sold for $23-24, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3-inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: Pyramid cartons/crates 11-pound bunched standard size from Mexico sold from $24-25, while large white bunched from Peru sold for $27-28.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold higher for $26, with hand-picked offerings from Mexico $28.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 6-ounce cups with lids of medium-large berries from Chile sold for $30, while fine appearance offerings from Mexico sold for $24, with organic offerings from Peru brought mostly $27-28. Strawberries in flats of eight 1-pound containers medium size from Florida sold lower from mostly $10-11, with fine appearance offerings $10.50, while fine appearance offerings from Mexico sold for $18.50 and California $20. Organic offerings from California of fine appearance brought $48.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold higher from mostly $14-15, with organic offerings slightly lower from $18-18.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold lower from mostly $13-14, while red offerings sold for $19.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher from $22.50-24, with organic offerings higher from mostly $25-26.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color from Florida sold lower from $18-18.50.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold higher from mostly $37-38, with large mostly $37-39, and carton 24s sold from $14-16. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico steady sold for mostly $35-36.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold higher for $18.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower for mostly $15-16, while organic offerings brought $24.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Hamlin juice oranges sold lower for $22.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green jumbos and extra-large sold steady from $14-16, with large $14. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold slightly lower for $19-20, while extra-large poblano sold from $20-22, serranos brought $26-28, and medium Hungarian wax sold higher from $24-26.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium and medium zucchini from Mexico sold lower from $16-18 while yellow straightneck sold for $30-32. 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of small size acorn brought $18, while butternut sold for mostly $19-21, and spaghetti mostly $17-19.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold higher for mostly $27.50-28, while cartons two layer offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size were higher from $34-36. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Florida sold higher for $16-17, with offerings from Mexico $20. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Florida sold lower for $28. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold for $40-42, with large size higher $36.

Craig Ruttle / AP

Trader Peter Tuchman works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

Virus anxiety triggers biggest 1-day market drop since 2011

By STAN CHOE and ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writers

Worldwide markets plummeted again Thursday, deepening a weeklong rout triggered by growing anxiety that the coronavirus will wreak havoc on the global economy. The sweeping selloff gave U.S. stocks their worst one-day drop since 2011.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbled nearly 1,200 points. The S&P 500 has now plunged 12 percent from the all-time high it set just a week ago. That puts the index in what market watchers call a "correction," which some analysts have said was long overdue in this bull market, the longest in history.

Stocks are now headed for their worst week since October 2008, during the global financial crisis.

The losses extended a slide that has wiped out the solid gains major indexes posted early this year. Investors came into 2020 feeling confident that the Federal Reserve would keep interest rates at low levels and the U.S.-China trade war posed less of a threat to company profits after the two sides reached a preliminary agreement in January. Even in the early days of the outbreak, markets took things in stride.

But over the past two weeks, a growing list of major companies issued warnings that profits could suffer as factory shutdowns across China disrupt supply chains and consumers there refrain from shopping. Travel to and from China is severely restricted, and shares of airlines, hotels and cruise operators have been punished in stock markets. As the virus spread beyond China, markets feared the economic issues in China could escalate globally.

One sign of that is the big decline in oil prices, which slumped on expectations that demand will tail off sharply.

"This is a market that's being driven completely by fear," said Elaine Stokes, portfolio manager at Loomis Sayles, with market movements following the classic characteristics of a fear trade: Stocks are down. Commodities are down, and bonds are up.

Bond prices soared again Thursday as investors fled to safe investments. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell as low as 1.246 percent, a record low, according to TradeWeb. When yields fall, it's a sign that investors are feeling less confident about the strength of the economy.

Stokes said the swoon reminded her of the market's reaction following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"Eventually we're going to get to a place where this fear, it's something that we get used to living with, the same way we got used to living with the threat of living with terrorism," she said. "But right now, people don't know how or when we're going to get there, and what people do in that situation is to retrench."

The virus has now infected more than 82,000 people globally and is worrying governments with its rapid spread beyond the epicenter of China.

Japan will close schools nationwide to help control the spread of the new virus. Saudi Arabia banned foreign pilgrims from entering the kingdom to visit Islam's holiest sites. Italy has become the center of the outbreak in Europe, with the spread threatening the financial and industrial centers of that nation.

At their heart, stock prices rise and fall with the profits that companies make. And Wall Street's expectations for profit growth are sliding away. Apple and Microsoft, two of the world's biggest companies, have already said their sales this quarter will feel the economic effects of the virus.

Goldman Sachs on Thursday said earnings for companies in the S&P 500 index might not grow at all this year, after predicting earlier that they would grow 5.5 percent. Strategist David Kostin also cut his growth forecast for earnings next year.

Besides a sharply weaker Chinese economy in the first quarter of this year, he sees lower demand for U.S. exporters, disruptions to supply chains and general uncertainty eating away at earnings growth.

Such cuts are even more impactful now because stocks are already trading at high levels relative to their earnings, raising the risk. Before the virus worries exploded, investors had been pushing stocks higher on expectations that strong profit growth was set to resume for companies after declining for most of 2019.

The S&P 500 recently traded at its most expensive level, relative to its expected earnings per share, since the dot-com bubble was deflating in 2002, according to FactSet. If profit growth doesn't ramp up this year, that makes a highly priced stock market even more vulnerable.

Goldman Sach's Kostin predicted the S&P 500 could fall to 2,900 in the near term, which would be a nearly 7 percent drop from Wednesday's close, before rebounding to 3,400 by the end of the year.

Traders are growing increasingly certain that the Federal Reserve will be forced to cut interest rates to protect the economy, and soon. They are pricing in a 96 percent probability of a cut at the Fed's next meeting in March. Just a day before, they were calling for only a 33 percent chance, according to CME Group.

The market's sharp drop this week partly reflects increasing fears among many economists that the U.S. and global economies could take a bigger hit from the coronavirus than they previously thought.

Earlier assumptions that the impact would largely be contained in China and would temporarily disrupt manufacturing supply chains have been overtaken by concerns that as the virus spreads, more people in numerous countries will stay home, either voluntarily or under quarantine. Vacations could be canceled, restaurant meals skipped, and fewer shopping trips taken.

"A global recession is likely if COVID-19 becomes a pandemic, and the odds of that are uncomfortably high and rising with infections surging in Italy and Korea," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

The market rout will also likely weaken Americans' confidence in the economy, analysts say, even among those who don't own shares. Such volatility can worry people about their own companies and job security. In addition, Americans that do own stocks feel less wealthy. Both of those trends can combine to discourage consumer spending and slow growth.

Regulators boost PG&E's wildfire fine to $2.1B

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California power regulators on Thursday slapped Pacific Gas & Electric with a $2.1 billion fine for igniting a series of deadly wildfires that landed the beleaguered utility in bankruptcy.

The record penalty imposed in an administrative law judge's decision boosts a previously agreed upon $1.7 billion settlement announced in December. Several consumer groups had protested the settlement as too lenient in light of PG&E's destruction, and the California Public Utilities Commission agreed after further review.

PG&E officials said they were disappointed by the increased fine after "working diligently over many months with multiple parties" to reach the previous deal.

"We recognize our fundamental obligation is to operate our system safely and we share the same objectives as the Commission and other state leaders – namely in reducing the risk of future wildfires in our communities," PG&E spokesman James Noonan said in a statement.

The harsher punishment includes a $200 million payment to California's general fund.

The San Francisco company has already set up a $13.5 billion fund to help those who lost family members, homes and businesses in catastrophic wildfires caused by PG&E's outdated electrical grid and negligence during 2017 and 2018. The fires killed nearly 130 people and destroyed almost 28,000 homes and other buildings.

More than 81,000 claims have been filed in the bankruptcy case.

The decision will also prevent PG&E from attempting to recover $1.82 billion from its customers, forcing its shareholders to bear the cost instead. The settlement previously had prevented PG&E from recovering $1.63 billion.

As part of the previous settlement, PG&E had projected it would realize $469 million in tax savings. Thursday's ruling could require the San Francisco company to funnel any tax savings to hold down the prices charged to the 16 million people who rely on the nation's largest utility for electricity.

Thursday's rebuke is the latest blow to PG&E, which has been trying to climb out of a huge financial hole left by its liabilities from the fires.

DISHWASHING

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While previous studies revealed consumers can save time, energy and water by using a machine dishwasher, they failed to account for real-world behavior, like pre-rinsing and varying the cycle selection.

"Some people don't have a lot of dishes, so they may not use their dishwasher frequently," Keoleian said. "Eighty percent of households own one, but 20 percent use them less than once a week."

If people are not in the mood to wash dishes by hand, the study said to not pre-rinse before loading dishes into the dishwasher, to reduce the environmental impact of the appliance.

Voglewede said pre-rinsing not only uses double the water, but it impacts the performance of the machine because it doesn't know how dirty the dishes are.

"Don't be afraid to use the dishwasher," Voglewede said. "Don't pre-rinse, but scrape off as much as you can."

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hp HEALTH

Have news for 'Health'?

Do you have health or wellness news that you think would make a good feature story? Send it to Features Editor Andy Steinke at The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; deliver it to 3450 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph; or email it focus@TheHP.com.

MEDICAL PEOPLE

Electrophysiologist now seeing patients

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland has added electrophysiologist David Rhine to its medical staff.

RHINE

Rhine is seeing patients alongside a team of seven physicians and four advanced practitioners at Lakeland Heart and Vascular, 3950 Hollywood Road, Suite 110.

He earned his medical degree from Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago, and completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Illinois. He is fellowship trained in cardiovascular disease and cardiac electrophysiology.

Prior to joining Lakeland, he cared for patients at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, Ill. He spent seven years at the Sparrow Thoracic Cardiovascular Institute in Lansing, where he served in leadership roles and was an associate professor at Michigan State University.

Rhine is a member of the Heart Rhythm Society and principal investigator to several clinical research initiatives.

Providers at Lakeland Heart and Vascular diagnose and treat conditions involving the cardiac system, including heart failure, arrhythmias, coronary heart disease, and peripheral artery disease among others.

For more information, or to find a physician, visit lakelandheart.com.

Items for Medical People should be sent to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, faxed to 429-4398 or emailed to focus@TheHP.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

■ 1-5:45 p.m. Monday, American Legion, 25751 U.S. Highway 12, Edwardsburg.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Watervliet High School, gym, 450 E. Red Arrow Highway, Watervliet.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 112 pounds.

Study: Optimism after stroke may speed up healing

By KIERSTEN WILLIS
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Stroke is the leading cause of disability in the United States, according to the American Stroke Association. But initial research shows that being optimistic in the period after it happens indicates a faster recovery and reduced disability is possible.

The findings were presented at the Nursing Symposium at the ASA's 2020 International Stroke Conference, according to an ASA news release.

Research showed that stroke survivors who remained highly optimistic had lower levels of inflammation, less severe strokes and reduced physical disability after three months, than those who had felt less optimism.

A study of 49 stroke survivors conducted three months following a stroke reviewed the correlation between optimism, physical disability, the severity of a stroke and inflammation. The latter occurring after a stroke damages the brain and harms recovery.

Optimism has been associated with reduced inflammation and improved health outcomes, however, there hasn't been a study that reviewed the association of optimism with stroke patients.

"Our results suggest that optimistic people have a better disease outcome, thus boosting morale may be an ideal way to improve mental health and recovery after a stroke," lead author Dr. Yun-Ju Lai said in a statement.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Researchers said understanding how the elements of the study – such as how inflammation and optimism impact or relate to each other – will provide scientific structure to establish new methods for stroke recovery.

"Patients and their families should know the importance of a positive environment that could benefit the patient," Lai said. "Mental health does affect recovery after a stroke."

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death in the U.S., according to the ASA. The disease affects arteries leading to and inside the brain.

If a stroke occurs on the left side of the brain, it can result in memory loss and/or issues with language and speech. If the disease happens on the right side of the brain, issues with vision and a quick, inquisitive behavioral style are among the things that can emerge.

Stroke, along with other cardiovascular diseases such as heart disease, cause 1 in 3 deaths in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

John Gibbins / The San Diego Union-Tribune / TNS

Serving Seniors, a nonprofit dedicated to helping seniors in poverty live healthy and fulfilling lives, gives free flu shots, administered by staff from the Sharp Senior Satellite Health Center, to seniors in San Diego.

CDC: This year's flu shot has cut doctor visits for flu nearly by half

By STACEY BURLING
The Philadelphia Inquirer

This year's flu shot is doing a fairly average job of protecting people against the pervasive winter virus, according to the annual interim effectiveness report released Thursday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The agency said the shot has been 45 percent effective overall and 55 percent effective in children. The vaccine was less effective for influenza A than B and did considerably worse among 18- to 49-year-olds, where it was only 25 percent effective.

Against one type of influenza A, H1N1, it had no proven effectiveness in younger adults. Previous seasons have ranged from 40 percent to 60 percent effective when vaccines were well-matched to circulating strains of virus.

The vaccine performed particularly poorly last year with an overall effectiveness level of just 36 percent.

By the CDC's definition, effectiveness does not address your personal chances of getting the flu after a shot. It looks at a population's chance of getting sick enough to seek medical attention.

So, people who got this year's shot were 45 percent less likely to see doctors for flu than those who were not vaccinated, said Brendan Flannery, an epidemiologist with the CDC's influenza division.

As it did last year, the CDC said you should still get a shot if you haven't already. It estimated last week that so far this season at least 26 million people have gotten the flu, 250,000 have been hospitalized and 14,000 have died.

The CDC estimate was based on a study of 4,112 patients with respiratory illnesses in five states. About half of them had been vaccinated.

The vaccination rate was highest in people 65 and older – 82 percent – and lowest in 9- to 17-year-olds – 34 percent.

Stephen Gluckman, an infectious-diseases doctor at Penn Medicine and director of Penn Global Medicine, said that, even though the shot is imperfect, it's "well worth getting because there's so much flu. From a public health perspective, even something that's preventing half the cases is preventing millions of cases."

Gluckman said it's fairly late to be getting the shot now, but there's no downside to it. He warns patients that the shot takes a while to become effective and there's a lot of flu around. If they get sick in four or five days, it's not the shot's fault.

Flannery said it is a "mystery" why younger adults have not been as well protected by the shot. However, he said it was good news that the vaccine has worked well in children, who have been especially hard hit by flu this year.

Some flu experts were concerned that the vaccine would not perform well because it was not a perfect match for the strain of influenza B that dominated during the early part of the season.

While a vaccine for a childhood illness like measles is 80 percent to 90 percent effective, Flannery said, no one expects numbers like that for flu, a virus that mutates frequently. Gluckman pointed out that it also takes months to produce flu vaccines. It can be tough for pharmaceutical companies to produce the right kind of vaccine in time.

This year's flu season got off to an early start, and flu activity has remained at high levels for several weeks.

The CDC said 92 children had died of influenza-related illness, the most for this point in the season since the 2009 flu pandemic. Flannery said the numbers are not complete yet, but said the majority of deaths occur in unvaccinated children.

An average flu season lasts 18 weeks. This one started during the first full week of November, so this season is in its 16th week.

The CDC said it is among government agencies working toward more effective flu vaccines.

IN BRIEF

Bones in Balance classes planned

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeland Orthopedic Physical Therapy is now enrolling participants for Bones in Balance, a program designed to teach those with osteoporosis and osteopenia how to live with these conditions through self-management.

Bones in Balance incorporates education and exercise, and is led by trained physical therapists. The program includes self-management tips from a pharmacist, registered dietitian and nurse educator.

Classes will meet from 9-11:30 a.m. or 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 2-26 at the Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road.

A physician's order is required to participate.

There is a $25 fee to cover the cost of materials. The remaining amount is billable to insurance.

For more information, or to register, call 556-7150.

Surgeons to discuss weight loss options

The Lakeland Weight Loss Center will offer a pair of free seminars, "Lose Weight ... Find Health," next month.

The first seminar will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday in the community room at Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph.

The second seminar will be from 6:30-8 p.m. March 18 in the community conference room at Lakeland Medical Suites, 42 N. St. Joseph Ave., Niles.

A bariatric surgeon will discuss programs available for losing weight and maintaining a healthy weight.

For more information, or to register for a seminar, visit lakelandweightlosscenter.com/events or call 687-4673.

Pre-diabetes class set in Watervliet

WATERVLIET — Spectrum Health Lakeland will host a free program to help anyone with higher-than-normal blood sugar levels learn about lifestyle changes that may help them avoid or delay the onset of diabetes.

The class will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday in classroom B at Lakeland Hospital Watervliet, 400 Medical Park Drive.

During the first hour, a registered nurse will guide attendees through the disease process of diabetes and introduce healthy lifestyle changes.

The second hour will be spent with a registered dietitian, who will suggest meal selections that can help attendees maintain health and manage weight.

The program does not require a physician referral. Registration, however, is required, as class size is limited.

For more information, or to register, call 556-2868.

Lakeland offers BP screenings, coaching

Spectrum Health Lakeland will host a series of neighborhood-based health home events next month.

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered, and a clinical educator will be on-site for personal health coaching sessions.

Attendees can meet with a resident physician, and participate in discussion about medical topics.

The events will be:

■ 10 a.m.-noon March 6, Gateway Plaza, 251 Cass St., Niles.

■ 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 12, 631 Pearl St., Benton Harbor.

■ 2-6 p.m. March 12, Elite Barber Shop, 1301 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor.

For more information, call 556-2808.

CFCN receives $50,000 grant

CASSOPOLIS — Cassopolis Family Clinic Network has received a $50,000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

The grant was awarded to assist CFCN in its efforts to expand access to integrated care at the new Niles Community Health Center facility.

Over the past 15 years, Blue Cross has invested more than $15 million in grants to increase access to affordable health care and improve health equity, according to a news release. The funding has helped provide free and low-cost medical, dental and mental health care services for uninsured and underinsured residents throughout the state.

The grant funds will be used to the support substance use disorder treatment program at the Niles Community Health Center, CFCN CEO Mary Geegan Middleton said.

Learn to live well with heart failure

WATERVLIET — Spectrum Health Lakeland will offer "Living Well with Heart Failure," a free class about congestive heart failure, from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday in classroom B at Lakeland Hospital Watervliet, 400 Medical Park Drive.

Participants will learn to identify common causes and symptoms of heart failure, as well as new daily routines that can improve quality of life.

Registration is required by calling 556-2808.

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The Democrats' generational crisis

The chaotic frenzy of the Democrats' South Carolina debate dramatized a generational crisis and a divisive conflict over how damaging the word "socialist" will be in a general election.

There was also this: No candidate other than Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has assembled a coherent and sustainable coalition.

E.J. Dionne

These problems are related because whether Sanders can defeat President Trump – the preoccupation of a large majority of Democratic voters – depends on whether he can rally a large new pool of younger voters to the polls in November.

The evidence so far is not encouraging. Yes, Sanders is the overwhelming favorite among the young, but a huge wave of new voters under 35 has yet to materialize in the first contests.

In the meantime, Democrats who represent swing districts that gave their party control of the House of Representatives fear that Sanders would drive away the more moderate and suburban voters who helped them engineer often narrow 2018 victories.

For now, Sanders is in a commanding position because more than anyone else in his party, he has defined its debates since 2016 by shifting the entire political conversation in a more progressive direction. The evidence: Every one of his more moderate primary foes has put forward ideas well to left of those favored by an earlier generation of centrist Democrats.

As I argue in my book "Code Red," it was Sanders who spoke for the frustration among progressives, especially younger ones, with a political debate constricted since the Reagan Era by right-wing assumptions. After fending off a fall offensive by Sen. Elizabeth Warren,D-Mass., Sanders stands alone as this constituency's champion.

And it may come as a surprise, but Sanders' embrace of "democratic socialism" is actually helping him solidify this bloc in the primaries.

There are good reasons why young Americans have a far more favorable view of socialism and a more skeptical view of capitalism than their elders. Those under 35 came of age in the wake of the economic system's near implosion in Great Recession, and capitalism simply doesn't look as good to them in 2020 as it did to the younger generation of say, 1998.

And polling makes clear that the young are far more likely to associate socialism with Denmark (a happy and prosperous nation that played a supporting role in Tuesday's debate) than with the long dead Soviet Union.

But absent the voter surge Sanders is promising, older Americans will vote in a larger proportion in November than the young. And it is among older voters where deep skepticism about socialism rules.

In January, Gallup asked: "If your party nominated a generally well-qualified person for president who happened to be a socialist, would you vote for that person?"

Among adults under 35 years old, 63 percent said yes. But only 42 percent of those aged 35-54 answered affirmatively, and just 35 percent of those over 55 said yes. Even among Democrats, 21 percent said they would not vote for a socialist; for independents, that figure was 51 percent.

The S-word would thus be a heavy burden to carry into a tightly-fought campaign, as a timely study by political scientists David Broockman and Joshua Kalla published Tuesday in Vox suggested.

In analyzing an early 2020 40,000-person survey, they found that "nominating Sanders would drive many Americans who would otherwise vote for a moderate Democrat to vote for Trump."

To offset these losses, Sanders "would need to boost turnout of young left-leaning voters enormously," Broockman and Kalla wrote. They conclude: "There are good reasons to doubt that Sanders' nomination would produce a youth turnout surge this large."

Even Democrats who respect Sanders worry about exactly this. That's why the candidates who oppose him shouted not just at Sanders but also over and at each other on Tuesday. As time runs short before the Super Tuesday primaries, each is vying to be the non-Sanders alternative who can save the party (and its House majority).

Former Vice President Joe Biden may yet become that candidate especially if his solid debate performance helps him win Saturday's South Carolina primary.

But it's late, and the yearning for someone other than Biden continues to scatter the non-Sanders vote, with former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg being the primary beneficiary of Biden anxiety.

Sanders has an argument, a base, and a lot of energy behind him. His foes have a strong case that he can't deliver on his promise to create a new electorate. But to get past him, one of them will need more than shouted warnings of impending catastrophe.

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LETTERS

BHHS is a teen day care center

Editor,

New Superintendent Dr. Andrae Townsel encounters a trashed Benton Harbor High School library that took us six years to restore, and only days to destroy.

Dr. LaWanna Shelton, assistant superintendent, inaugurated its demise when she ordered items reeking of mildew and likely mold delivered to the library from long-closed district schools.

When we asked her to remove them she emailed she "wasn't accustomed to taking directives from volunteers."

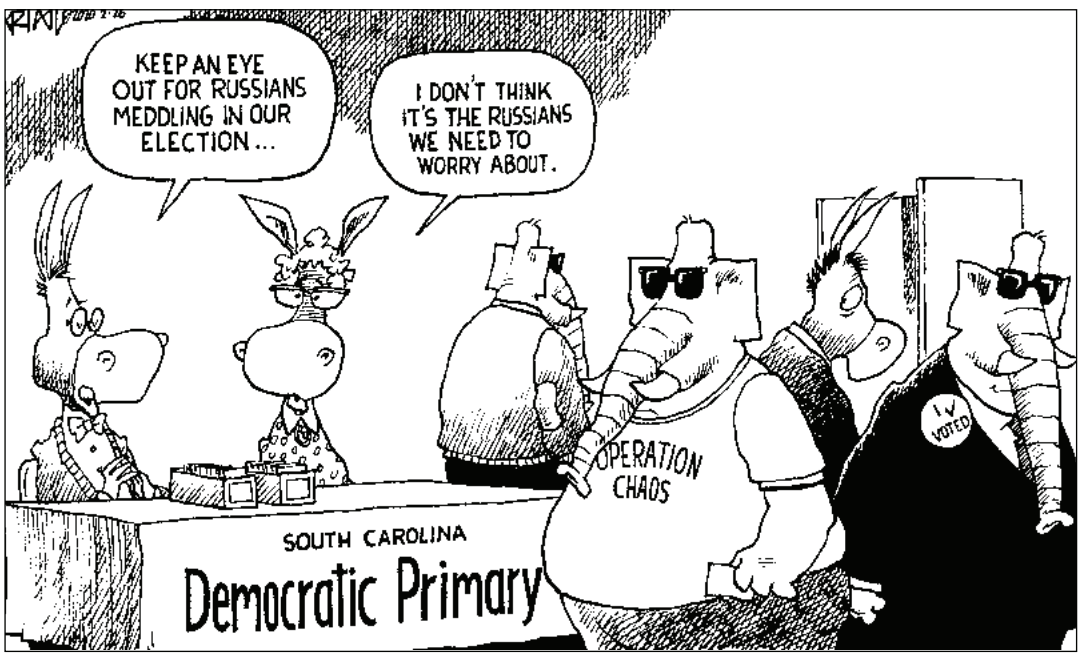
Those volunteers included Tiffany Butzbaugh, Ph.D, fellow-BHHS grad, who'd run the St. Joseph High School library, librarians, teachers, lawyers and others.

We stocked and staffed the library, cleaned, weeded, sorted and brought in books, magazines, printers, computer, grants, furniture, displays, donations. We provided tutoring, free books and magazines, database instruction, sorted expensive library software, facilitated scholarships and transportation to after-school Krasl classes, exhibits, concerts, lectures.

We initiated construction of The BHHS Little Free Library, enrolled students in national essay contests (all won!), and brought in artists whose work graced the library's showcase.

"A jewel," Mayor Marcus Muhammad pronounced.

No more.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SOUTH CAROLINA
Democratic Primary

For months, the library floor has been littered with books, trash, overturned desks – legs torn off, tossed – all visible from the library's former fiction area, where the board meets publicly.

Shelton ordered us out and assigned our office to someone else. Occupied for only a month, it now sits empty.

When we left, BHHS had only one science teacher, one counselor. Never enough certified teachers. A rotating cast of subs.

No teachers means students are parked in front of monitors (if they work), when not strolling out, glued to cellphones.

BHHS has a TV studio and FCC-licensed radio station, but no one has bothered to engage students to develop programming – speaking (mic) skills, current affairs (news) skills. Instead, the station relies on randomly generated music to maintain its license, while students sit bored in broadcast classes.

At graduation, students majoring in hardly-attending-class are magically transformed, into graduating seniors, despite questionable grades and credits.

Sadly, BHHS has become little more than a teen day care center with near-daily fights. Not the fault of students, so much as an unequal system that punishes poor districts. And personnel who've ceased caring.

Townsel electrified the room in his public interview. But he needs teachers. Fifty-five percent of Michigan's third-graders can't read at grade level, which suggests the whole system is broken.

The state could turn BHAS into a living lab, could incentivize top teachers to come in, could fund the district's success.

If Townsel can walk as good as he can talk, he'll be brilliant. Google him and you can watch his Ted talks.

Someone who'd gut a school library to make a point doesn't care that students who had little, now have less.

But the rest of us should. These students, largely traumatized, many homeless, are further penalized by a profoundly inadequate education and a school less about education than control.

What chance do they have?

Backstage at the Performing Arts Center, a beautiful Steinway grand with bruised, beaten keys waits to be restored.

Just like BHHS, Dr. Townsel.

Enid Goldstein
Lincoln Township

ANOTHER OPINION

Guns and their owners need no 'sanctuary'

Gun rights advocates boast that more than two dozen New Jersey municipalities and at least three counties have declared themselves a "sanctuary" from supposedly unconstitutional firearms regulations. In Pennsylvania and other states, similar efforts led by organizations such as "2A Sanctuary," a reference to the Second Amendment, are underway, with some advocates urging local jurisdictions not to enforce so-called red flag or other recently enacted laws. This self-styled nationwide grassroots movement gained traction in 2019, supposedly without any direct support from the National Rifle Association.

The "sanctuary" measures some local governments seem all too eager to adopt are often described as nonbinding or symbolic, but outrageous is a better word. So is "dangerous." The use of the term "sanctuary" is a gratuitous slap at efforts to protect the rights of undocumented immigrants. Firearms "sanctuary" declarations embody a willful misunderstanding of the Second Amendment; advocates are overreacting to the passage of commonsense gun regulations. And the emergence of a campaign that paints firearms owners as victims, if not martyrs, while thousands of actual victims of America's lethal gun violence plague can no longer speak – much less, lobby their local township council – verges on cruel.

When West Milford Township in Passaic County, N.J., pioneered the effort in the Garden State last December, it declared itself "gun-friendly" – as if that were a promotional slogan. Cape May County passed its sanctuary resolution two weeks ahead of the Jan. 28 visit of President Donald Trump, who has entertained the NRA's Wayne LaPierre at the White House. The NRA has long been implacably opposed to even the most modest gun regulations.

New Jersey sanctuary advocates seem particularly up in arms about the state's September enactment of one of a number of gun regulations signed by Gov. Phil Murphy. This "red flag" measure enables law enforcement to keep firearms away from a person whom a state Superior Court judge has determined poses a danger to themselves or others. On Feb. 20, state officials said that 198 temporary orders and 100 final orders had been granted as of Feb. 4 under the state's Extreme Risk Protective Order Act. How many firearms actually have been confiscated temporarily or permanently as a result of those orders is unclear, but it's safe to assume that virtually all of the estimated 1 million owners of legal guns in New Jersey still have their weapons.

Nonetheless, lamentations about the threat of "confiscation" of all civilian firearms by a government supposedly bent on leaving families defenseless help fuel local sanctuary campaigns.

This sanctuary movement urges municipalities to "opt out" of laws governing guns. Maybe Philadelphia, which has long argued for the ability to make its own gun laws, could turn this movement on its head and "opt out" of state laws that restrict the city from making its own laws.

Not everyone who is against regulating firearms supports sanctuaries. In January, the PA Post quoted Kim Stolfer, president of the Pennsylvania organization Firearms Owners Against Crime, calling such efforts "misguided." Stolfer is right. The sanctuary campaign is not only misguided. It's an empty exercise exploiting the time and fears of ordinary Americans. Little if any good can come of it.

– The Philadelphia Inquirer

Bloomberg's past workplace behavior is not disqualifying

When Ginny Clark became the first woman trainee at Salomon Brothers, the Wall Street investment firm where Mike Bloomberg got his start, she entered a man's world that would horrify most young women of the #MeToo generation.

To say times were different in 1968 is an understatement. The era that birthed Bloomberg and gave rise to his self-described "Borscht Belt" jokes (as he has framed his sense of humor), allowed for insensitive punchlines, sexual innuendo – and much worse – that wouldn't be tolerated today.

Kathleen Parker

Clark, with whom I spoke by phone, gives credit to the #MeToo movement for exposing and bringing to justice people such as Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, who was found guilty Monday on two counts of criminal sexual assault, including third-degree rape.

She worries, however, about unintended consequences that could be harmful to women. She noted that her male friends on Wall Street today are afraid to be alone with a woman, lest something they say or do lands them in trouble. She says some now hesitate to mentor women or even to have dinner without a third-party present. The downside may be that that women will have a harder time finding jobs.

As we traded decades-old stories from first jobs when men did all the hiring, I wondered whether women were tougher back in the day. Clark at first said yes, and then she clarified that to mean that she and her friends were by training and culture less sensitive to things that would be considered unacceptable today. Perhaps this was a function of having little choice, but Clark didn't think of her experience that way. For whatever reasons, she came to the job steeled for battle and then worked as hard as the boys.

This doesn't mean that Clark endorses coarse behavior or subscribes to the boys-will-be-boys school of rationalization, but she says she doesn't take off-color things personally. "The word bitch in a joke might offend someone today, but it doesn't offend me because it's not directed at me."

Even when something crass was directly aimed at her, she took it with the attitude of a casino card dealer working the night shift, which she did after graduating from Oklahoma University. On her first day at a subsequent job with a different firm – again as the only woman – Clark was streaked by the men, including the boss. Today, streaking might lead to a federal case. But when management investigated the prank, Clark says she shrugged it off as the price of breaking the glass ceiling in a males-only hierarchy.

"I knew what they were doing," she told me. "It was a test to see if I could handle the testosterone club." The answer, apparently, was yes. She became a trader, starting at Salomon, and she later became the first female trader at Merrill Lynch. At 76, she's still going strong as managing director at boutique firm Beech Hill.

I reached out to Clark after I heard about her from a mutual friend in the Bloomberg campaign. Clark supports Bloomberg, her former colleague, for president. She says she does not recognize the man described in recent press reports as someone who tolerated a sexist workplace and who settled cases with plaintiffs in exchange for non-disclosure agreements. The man she sat next to in 1968 – and later reported to – was 100 percent supportive, she said. "Sure, he (Bloomberg) told raunchy jokes. I told raunchy jokes," she said. "He saw me as a team member and wanted me to do well. ... I honestly don't think I would have made it if not for Mike."

Bloomberg, it should be noted, isn't accused of criminal behavior in the vein of a Weinstein or other powerful men who physically assaulted and harassed women. But it is also obvious that the campaign feels it has lost some ground since the more unpleasant details of Bloomberg's workplace behavior have surfaced.

Context is everything, we say, because it's so true. Bloomberg may have been formed by circumstances that have changed, but he too must change if he's to stay a viable candidate. To his credit, under pressure by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., he ordered an end to using non-disclosure agreements in his company to "resolve claims of sexual harassment or misconduct." And he released three former women employees who signed them under his watch. His greater challenge may be to convincingly convey that he's sincerely sorry for making some women feel uncomfortable by jokes that weren't, in fact, funny.

Whether voters are willing to overlook Bloomberg's past will be determined next week on Super Tuesday, the first time his name will appear on primary ballots. I'd rather wonder whether a brilliant businessman with rational ideas has lust in his heart than listen to the car horn of Bernie Sanders' voice promising socialist remedies to economic prosperity.

Assuming, that is, the coronavirus doesn't ruin us all.

Kathleen Parker is a columnist for The Washington Post.

Biggest explosion seen in universe came from black hole

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

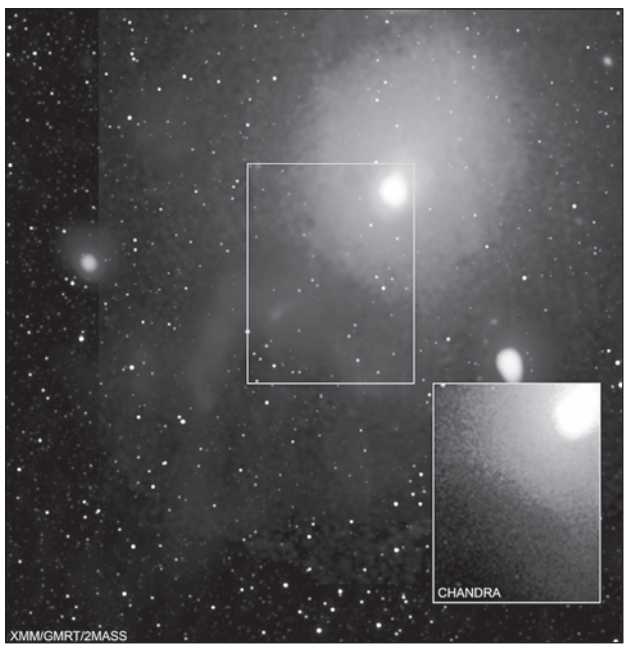
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronomers have discovered the biggest explosion seen in the universe, originating from a super-massive black hole.

Scientists reported Thursday that the blast came from a black hole in a cluster of galaxies 390 million light-years away.

The explosion was so large it carved out a crater in the hot gas that could hold 15 Milky Ways, said lead author Simona Giacintucci of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington.

It's five times bigger than the previous record-holder.

Astronomers used NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory to make the discovery, along with a European space observatory and ground telescopes. They believe the explosion came from the heart of the Ophiuchus cluster of thousands of galaxies: a large galaxy at the center contains a colossal black hole.



NASA via AP

The Ophiuchus galaxy cluster viewed in a composite of X-ray, radio and infrared data is shown on Thursday. The inset image at bottom right shows data from the Chandra X-ray Observatory which confirmed a cavity formed by a record-breaking explosion from a super-massive black hole. The explosion was so large it carved out a crater in the hot gas that could hold 15 Milky Ways, said lead author Simona Giacintucci of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington.

Black holes don't just draw matter in. They also blast out jets of material and energy.

The first hint of this giant explosion actually came in 2016. Chandra images of the Ophiuchus galaxy cluster revealed an unusual curved edge, but scientists ruled out an eruption given the amount of energy that would have been needed to carve out such a large cavity in the gas.

The two space observatories, along with radio data from telescopes in Australia and India, confirmed that the curvature was, indeed, part of a cavity.

"The radio data fit inside the X-rays like a hand in a glove," co-author Maxim Markevitch of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, said in a statement.

"This is the clincher that tells us an eruption of unprecedented size occurred here."

The blast is believed to be over by now: There are no signs of jets currently shooting from the black hole.

More observations are needed in other wavelengths to better understand what occurred, according to the team.

The findings appeared in the Astrophysical Journal.

Stolen hearse carrying casket recovered

By STEFANIE DAZIO and JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It has all the hallmarks of an only-in-Los Angeles crime: A thief stole a hearse – with a body inside – then went on a wild ride, ending with a chase and a crash on a busy freeway.

Authorities say they found the body undisturbed inside a casket Thursday morning and took James Juarez into custody after the crash, which closed the 110 Freeway during the morning commute.

The crime began Wednesday night, when the suspected thief stole the black Lincoln Navigator from outside St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church in East Pasadena. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department pleaded with the thief – whose identity was not known at that point – on social media to return the body in a post that was widely shared online.

Reed Saxon / AP

Los Angeles police officers stand after a pursuit of a stolen hearse with with a casket and body inside on Interstate 110 in South Los Angeles on Thursday. The hearse was stolen from outside a Greek Orthodox church in East Pasadena on Wednesday night. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department says one person is in custody.

"Out of all the bad decisions you have made, at least make one good one & bring back the deceased person & casket inside the Navigator," it tweeted.

Juarez, 25, was booked Thursday on suspicion of grand theft auto, police said. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney who could speak on his behalf.

Local media have reported that the body remained in the vehicle while a mortuary attendant brought a different body into the church – and that's when the SUV was stolen.

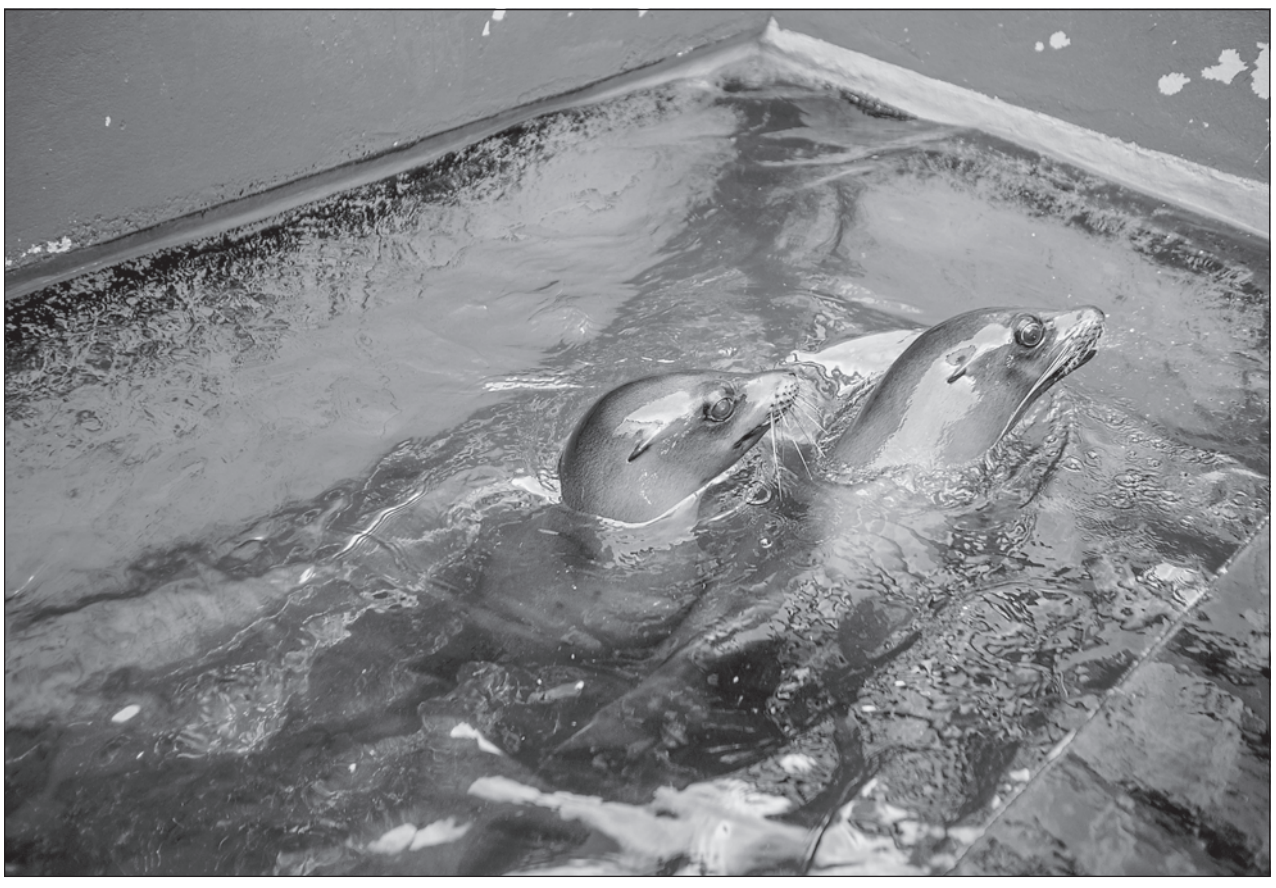
On Thursday morning, a witness reported seeing the SUV and was following it. Los Angeles police officers pursued the hearse on local streets and onto the freeway until it crashed around 7:45 a.m.

At least one officer was involved in the crash, though Los Angeles police did not immediately have details about it.

No one was seriously injured, police said.

Video footage from news helicopters showed that it has heavy front-end damage.

The Sheriff's Department did not identify the mortuary.



Dennis Oda / AP

Sea Life Park's two new sea lions, Niblet and Brawler, that came to Sea Life Park in Waimanalo, Hawaii, from the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna, Calif., after efforts to rehabilitate and release them failed shown on Tuesday.

Rescued California sea lions now at Hawaii aquatic park

HONOLULU (AP) — Two sea lions rescued off the coast of California are making their debut at a new home in a Hawaii aquatic park.

The sea lions named Niblet and Brawler are 3-year-old females and joined the aquatic attractions at Sea Life Park on Oahu Wednesday, The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported.

They were separately rescued by the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, a nonprofit organization that rescues, rehabilitates and releases marine animals back to the wild.

After a quarantine and health care they were transferred to the park in Waimanalo, about 14 miles from Honolulu. A traditional Hawaiian blessing to welcome them is scheduled for Sunday.

"They're little ambassadors because they have an incredible story to tell," said Sea Life Park curator Jeff Pawloski.

The sea lions were rescued during what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration refers to as an "unusual mortality event" involving a significant number of pups and yearlings that were stranded from 2013 to 2017.

The causes of the Southern California stranding event remain unknown, but the NOAA suspects a change in the availability of sea lion prey was a contributing factor.

Niblet, the smaller of the sea lions, was first rescued in January 2017 at Huntington Beach, California.

The malnourished pup was cared for and released about seven months later, but found again in January 2018 with low weight.

Brawler was rescued in May 2017 from Dana Point, California.

After rehabilitating her, the center implanted a microchip and released the sea lion in September but found her four days later, nearly lifeless with her eyes nearly glossed over. Scientists determined she is about 70 percent blind.

Niblet and Brawler will be on display at the park's new Sea Lion Nursery Pool.

The pair will be part of the park's educational program and given training to provide them basic care, but will not be "circus performers," the park said.

OBITUARIES

Death Notices

Alberta "Sue" Cummings, 65, of Benton Harbor died Feb. 25, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Dale D. Dean Sr., 76, of Berrien Center died Feb. 26, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Donald E. Elrod, 85, of Niles died Feb. 26, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Carmen Elaine Goodson, 65, of Hartford died Feb. 25, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Jack L. Richter, 74, of Galien died Feb. 25, 2020, at home. Swem Chapel and Cremation Services, Buchanan, 695-6881.

Mary Alice Zehrung, 77, of Niles died Feb. 20, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Jack L. Richter

March 12, 1945 – Feb. 25, 2020

Jack L. Richter, 74, of Galien passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at home, with his family by his side.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at Swem Chapel, 301 W. Front St., Buchanan, with Pastor Robert Hamilton officiating and military honors rendered by the Buchanan and Galien American Legions and the United States Army. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, also at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. Burial will take place at a later date in Galien Cemetery. Those wishing to make a condolence online may do so at www.swemchapel.com.

Jack was born on March 12, 1945, to Lyle and Eva (Trapp) Richter in Niles. He graduated from Galien High School in 1963. Following graduation, Jack was drafted and served in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967. From an early age, he worked hard starting off on the family farm. By the time he was 8, Jack had purchased his first tractor. He owned and operated Richter Enterprises for 52 years, in addition to serving as the sexton at Galien Cemetery for over 40 years. Throughout his life, Jack's work ethic was displayed in taking on various jobs from trucking, demolition, snow plowing, lime spreading and digging septics and basements, to name a few. He was a lifetime member of the Galien American Legion. Jack was a selfless man and cherished his family.

He is survived by his son, Timothy (Adrianne) Richter; daughter, Jennifer Richter; their mother, Katherine Richter; grandchildren, Slone and Jack Richter; sister-in-law, Charlotte Richter; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Eva Richter; brother, Larry Richter; and sister, Bonnie (Gary) Rehmel.

Rose Mary Clark

Jan. 28, 1934 – Feb. 24, 2020

Rose Mary Clark, 86, of Benton Harbor passed away Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph.

Rose was born Jan. 28, 1934, in Baroda, to the late Ansel and Sylvia (Wilkinson) Wagner. On Aug. 4, 1951, in Benton Harbor, she married Wayne Delbert Clark; he preceded her in death on March 14, 2000.

Rose, along with her husband, owned Wayne D. Clark LLC Trucking Co. in Benton Harbor since 1964. She also worked at Michigan Fruit Canners and Emlong's Nursery for several years.

Rose is survived by a daughter, Delores Steinhaus of Coloma; sons, Wayne (Ruth) Clark Jr. of Covert, Frank (Carolyn) Clark of Eau Claire, Edward Clark of Mitchell, Ind., Gerald (Debra) Clark of Benton Harbor and James (Kandra) Clark of Benton Harbor; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by a son, Douglas Clark; three sisters and seven brothers.

A celebration of life service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel in St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Lincoln Township Cemetery.

Friends can visit with the family from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan, 5400 S. Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Berrien Center — Boy, 5 pounds, 4 ounces, Danielle Ross and Austin Wilgus, 3:54 a.m. Feb. 25.

Bridgman – Girl, 9 pounds, 14 ounces, Felisha and Tyler Liberty, 3:25 a.m. Feb. 15.

Buchanan – Girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Jenelle Shepard and Zachary Freehling, 4:58 p.m. Feb. 23.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor — Boy, 8 pounds, 7 ounces, Isabel De Los Santos and Juan Reyes, 9:55 p.m. Feb. 26.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 8 pounds even, Danielle Jones and Robert Lawson, 8:49 a.m. Feb. 27.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 5 pounds, 6.4 ounces, Jacquetta Jones, 8:39 p.m. Feb. 26.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, Tinaya Williams, 9:51 a.m. Feb. 24.

Berrien Center – Girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, Sky and Joe Ward, 9:58 p.m. Feb. 24.

New Buffalo – Boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, Katie and James Garrison, 12:24 a.m. Feb. 25.

St. Joseph – Boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Brittany and Ryan Mohney, 8:00 a.m. Feb. 18.

St. Joseph – Girl, 6 pounds, 6.7 ounces, Anamika and Sundeep Sharma, 6:25 a.m. Feb. 21.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Christine Louise Aranyos and Stephen Edward Prouty, both of Stevensville.

Mary Claire Martin and Carl Robert Wagner, both of Niles.

Brooke Evelyn Morse-Karzen and Kristopher Andrew Stenglein, both of Chicago.

Amber Mae Nichols and Samuel James Kepler II, both of Buchanan.

Hilda Yanicza Rosales of Niles and Fredy Navarrete-Ruiz of Tiquicheo de Nicolás Romero.

Melinda Lee Shepherd and Michelle Rene Montgomery, both of Niles.

Kristie Lea Suloff and Richard Kenneth Remus, both of Stevensville.

Ashley Renee Verner and Ryan Clark Kussart, both of Union Pier.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

The Benton Harbor City Commission approved a $5,000 deposit toward the purchase of the former Woolworth's store on W. Main St. for a City Hall annex.

Interim City Manager Dwight Mitchell hopes a purchase deal is completed in two weeks with the building's owner, Fairplain Development Corp., which also owns the Fairplain Plaza.

35 years ago – 1985

St. Joseph's Andy Radenbaugh is not used to finishing in second place. But the undefeated prep wrestler was delighted being named a runnerup recently. Radenbaugh, a junior who is 43-0 on the mats this season, recently wrote a poem on a prep grappler's biggest headache... making weight. The poem, entitled "Cutting Weight," was voted second place.

The poem was entered by his creative writing class teacher, Dan Holt, in the Poetry Society of Michigan's annual Helen R. Cole Memorial Youth Contest for high school students.

50 years ago – 1970

Berrien Springs Fire Department has expanded their radio coverage because it is hooked into a new 50-foot tower erected by Bun Baldwin Jr., a realtor with offices in Berrien Springs and Bridgman. Baldwin gave the department use of his tower, which puts Berrien Springs in contact with the Berrien County Sheriff's office and other agencies the firemen couldn't reach previously. The tower is located at Baldwin's Berrien Springs office next to the fire station.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2020. There are 307 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 28, 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA.

On this date:

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded as the ship was sailing on the Potomac River, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.

In 1917, The Associated Press reported that the United States had obtained a diplomatic communication sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to a German official in Mexico proposing a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the U.S. enter World War I. (Outrage over the telegram helped propel America into the conflict.)

In 1942, the heavy cruiser USS Houston and the Australian light cruiser HMAS Perth were attacked by Japanese forces during the World War II Battle of Sunda Strait; both were sunk shortly after midnight on March 1 with a total loss of more than 1,000 men.

In 1975, 42 people were killed in London's Underground when a train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

In 1983, the long-running TV series "M-A-S-H" ended after 11 seasons on CBS with a special 2½-hour finale that was watched by an estimated 121.6 million people.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain	Scattered Rain
27°	19°	33° / 23°	45° / 38°	48° / 36°	42° / 35°

Local Outlook

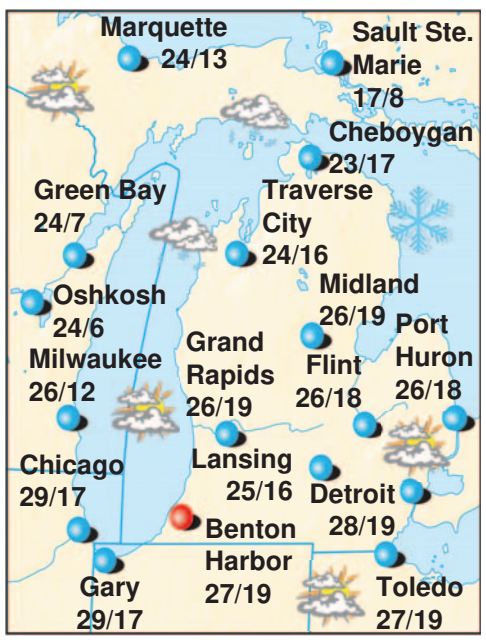
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 27°, humidity of 57%. West northwest wind 11 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 19°. West northwest wind 9 to 17 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 11°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:23 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:34 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 9:55 a.m.
Moonset ..... 11:29 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
3/2	3/9	3/16	3/24

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	29°
Low	21°
Normal High	39°
Normal Low	24°
Record High	54° in 2017
Record Low	-4° in 2015

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.06"
Normal for month	1.37"
Year to date	4.92"
Normal Year to date	3.12"

Air Quality

Yesterday 39
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

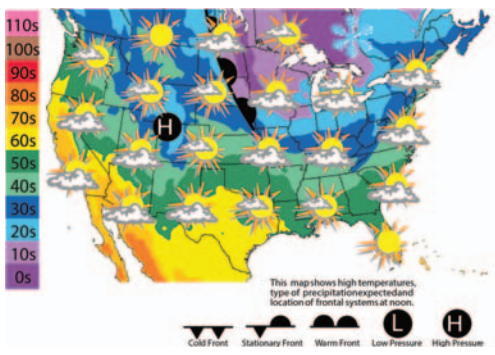
Weather Trivia

How was the ozone hole discovered?

Answer: The hole was first discovered by the Nimbus 7 polar orbiting satellite.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Feb. 28, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind 16 to 18 kt. Cloudy. Waves around 7 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 14 to 16 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves around 6 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 10s and 20s. West northwest wind 16 to 21 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 20s and 30s. West wind 6 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 20s. West northwest wind 11 to 18 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 20s and 30s. West southwest wind 8 to 11 mph.

BERNIE

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Sanders won approximately half of voters under 30 in the Iowa and New Hampshire contests, according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, or CIRCLE, a research organization at Tufts University, and two-thirds of younger voters in Nevada.

"If anyone is going to try and dig into his lead, they're going to have to go through the youth vote," said Ben Wessel, executive director of NextGen America, an advocacy group focused on youth turnout.

Sanders, for his part, has made young people central to his path to victory, arguing that only a candidate that inspires turnout from new and infrequent voters can win the White House. But there has not been an overwhelming surge in turnout in the first three nominating contests.

"We're not seeing some crazy overwhelming storming of the polls by Bernie-stans," Wessel said, using the internet parlance of fandom. But, he noted, the candidates who have performed best with young voters – Sanders, followed by Pete Buttigieg – are the ones leading the delegate chase. "It's young vs. old right now in this primary … and right now the youngs are winning."

Many young voters jumped into politics first rallying around an issue – be it Dreamers fighting for immigration reforms or youth-led strikes demanding action on climate change – rather than a specific politician. Philip Agnew founded an organization for criminal justice reform after the shooting death of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. Recently, he has been on the road for the Sanders campaign, holding events at college campuses in at least eight states.

"It is the platform; it is the policies. Those outlast any person, and those are generational ideas," said Agnew, 34. "To hear them repeated back to them by somebody wanting to be president of the United States is a huge boost of affirmation for (young people)."

For many Democrats desperate to beat President Trump, their paramount concern has been who has the best general election prospects – a calculus that has been difficult to pin down in a volatile political landscape.

Gerald Herbert / AP

Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., greets people at a campaign event in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on Wednesday.

Young voters, however, are less preoccupied with electability. A poll commissioned last year by the Alliance for Youth Justice found that by a 2 to 1 margin, respondents under age 34 said the 2020 presidential election should be about "bold policy change" instead of focusing narrowly on kicking Trump out of office.

"No kidding, we want to defeat Donald Trump," said Sarah Audelo, executive director of the group. "But that is a really low bar for the type of country we're trying to create."

Sanders' platform of "Medicare for all" and sharply reducing costs for higher education resonates with Justin Alvarez, 20, a diabetic who worries about juggling the expenses of insulin, rent and tuition.

"Bernie is the only one I can really rely on and trust to take on the pharmaceutical companies that jack these prices way up," said Alvarez, who leads a Students for Bernie group at Santa Monica College.

Younger voters tend to be more progressive than their older counterparts, and are more likely to hold positive views of socialism, a boon for Sanders, who proudly labels himself a democratic socialist. But John Della Volpe, director of polling at the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics, cautioned against reducing youth support for Sanders to just a desire for free stuff.

"Sanders is supported by millions of young people despite the socialist label," Della Volpe said. "He's painting a picture of an America that is inclusive. It's fair, it's respectful, it's where neighbors help neighbors."

Sanders has long kept the Democratic establishment at arm's length, which causes some party stalwarts to grumble about loyalty. For younger voters, who are less likely to be affiliated with a political party, that critique falls flat.

"I think that by virtue of being an outsider … he is able to actually stand up for (the working class)," said Alejandro Rico-Gomez, 18, a freshman at USC who traveled nearly three hours by bus and Lyft to Palm Springs to vote for Sanders at a satellite Iowa caucus this month.

With his arms akimbo and fingers jabbing the air, Sanders can seem almost cartoonish in his expressiveness. Some fans have captured the essence in a meme derived from the television show "The Simpsons," transposing his face onto a newspaper with the headline "Old Man Yells at Cloud."

His hollering – which Sandoval maintains is not yelling but fierce excitement, the kind where a little bit of spit flies out and maybe a bit of frustration, too – reminds Sandoval, the UCLA student, of her grandfather – who, she said, does not shy from hard truths. She appreciates Sanders' candor.

There are "so many things that need to change, that some people, for some reason, don't understand. So it is infuriating," said Sandoval, 28. "But I think he keeps his cool as best as he can."

The frustration Sanders and his supporters share is so galvanizing that some have jumped from activism into running for office themselves. Elizabeth Alcantar, 26, didn't think her representatives on the Cudahy City Council were sufficiently responsive, so she ran in 2018, inspired in part by Sanders' first presidential bid. She won and now serves as mayor.

"Bernie not only gives us his vision for the country," she said, "but it's something that we share."

Sanders' polling numbers with the younger demographic bounced around during the spring and summer of last year, as voters considered other candidates in the crowded Democratic field.

"They didn't just stick with him in the beginning," said Ben Tulchin, Sanders' campaign pollster. "They shopped around. We had to earn their support back."

The primary competition for younger voters was another progressive in the race, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren. But her polling began to slide when scrutiny of her healthcare plan ramped up, and Sanders was able to consolidate young voter support in the fall, boosted by a high-profile endorsement from Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), a millennial.

The Sanders team projects confidence that the youth vote has come home for good. Now, they've got to make sure they come to the polls.

"The first challenge is to persuade people they should support you. The other challenge is making sure they show up at the right time to vote," said Jeff Weaver, a Sanders senior campaign strategist. "Younger people don't have as long a voting history."

California is dry after low-precipitation winter

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A dry beginning of the year has left most of California abnormally parched, as officials brace for the possibility of an early and more intense wildfire season amid record-breaking temperatures.

Drought has expanded from just under 10 percent of the state last week to nearly a quarter, mainly in central California, the heart of the state's agricultural sector, according to a U.S. Drought Monitor map made public Thursday. The map released weekly shows another 43 percent of the state is now abnormally dry.

This month is shaping up to be the driest February on record for much of the state. Chances of light showers are on the horizon Saturday night but not again until March 10.

Sierra Littlefield, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Sacramento, said there is a strong chance the state's capital will see a completely dry February – something that has not happened in recorded history.

Downtown San Francisco is on its way to its first rain-free February since 1864, according to the weather service.

The lack of rain this year comes after a wet 2019 that capped mountains with snow, delivering water to reservoirs and helping to boost lush vegetation that can quickly turn into fuel for wildfires during dry, windy conditions.

About 75 percent of California's annual precipitation typically occurs from December through February, mostly from what's known as atmospheric rivers – long plumes of moisture originating far out in the Pacific Ocean.

But a high-pressure system parked in the Pacific has blocked storms from reaching California and instead steered them to the Pacific Northwest.

NEW CHIEF

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as chief public defender in January.

Renna's time with the county ends March 20, where he will become a chief public defender for Kalamazoo County.

Berrien's Public Defender's Office opened in January 2017, with Carl Macpherson being the first public defender to lead the way.

Berrien County became a leader in the state in terms of providing quality representation for people who cannot afford an attorney. The county was one of the first counties in Michigan to meet standards that eventually became state law.

The state promised grant money through the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission for public defender offices that meet or exceed the standards.

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contest to one count of accosting minors for immoral purposes, and was free on bond awaiting sentencing when the new accusations surfaced. Police said the accosting minors charge was related to events at an overnight Halloween party in Bridgman in 2014. He failed to show up for sentencing in that case in August 2015, and Bridgman police and state police realized he had likely gone on the run.

On Jan. 29, the search for Stanson was the subject of an episode of "In Pursuit With John Walsh," and featured an interview with Bridgman Police Sgt. Tom LaVanway, along with photos of Stanson. The program aired on the Investigation Discovery TV network and within days, viewer tips led to Stanson's capture in Mexico.

Earlier this week, Stanson pleaded guilty to contempt of court for failure to appear for sentencing in 2015. Judge Angela Pasula accepted his plea and sentenced him to 93 days in jail. Pasula revoked bond, which had earlier been set at $2 million.

Trial for Stanson on the four new counts of CSC has been set for May 26-29.

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Former U-M wrestlers urge others to speak up

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Lakers, Shamrocks vie for state cheer spots

Catholic, Berrien Springs to compete in Saturday's regionals

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

Two area competitive cheer teams will contend for spots in their respective state tournaments this weekend.

Berrien Springs placed fourth in its Division 3 district and will compete in the D3 regional held at Rockford on Saturday. The Lake Michigan Catholic competitive cheer team will compete in the Division 4 regional Saturday at Jenison.

Ron DeKett / HP Correspondent

Lake Michigan Catholic cheerleaders participate in the girls varsity competitive cheer competition on Jan. 20 at Coloma High School.

The Shamrocks earned a final score of 734.10, behind Parchment (734.60), Battle Creek Pennfield (735.42), and Paw Paw (787.48).

With a score of 704.48, the Lakers placed second in their D4 district tournament, the highest district placement in program history.

"When we went into districts, the girls knew we had a shot to win it," Lake Michigan Catholic coach Josh Fairbanks said. "They were disappointed that they didn't win. But now it's about turning that disappointment into hunger this weekend."

Lake Michigan Catholic is hoping to extend what has been the best season in program history. The Lakers have averaged a final score of 705 over their last eight competitions.

"We restarted the program seven years ago," Fairbanks said. "We never broke 700. This year spoiled ourselves with our own success. We've crushed all the school records. We don't want this season to end."

According to Fairbanks, Pewamo-Westphalia and Munising figure to be the teams to beat. East Jordan and Lawton should be in the mix as well. That being said, he believes the Lakers can make the top four and advance to the state competition.

"We have a chance to sneak in there," Fairbanks said. "Cinderellas sneak in every once and a while and this could be our year. We've been focusing on the little things. At this level, the little things add up. They can make all the difference."

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Ohio State star Young follows in Bosa's footsteps

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Chase Young wants to follow in fellow Ohio State star Nick Bosa's NFL footsteps, and he probably won't have to wait all that long to start.

The freakishly athletic defensive end who's widely viewed as the best player coming out of college – just as Bosa was – figures to start off his pro career just as the 2019 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year did: as the second selection in the draft behind a hot-shot, Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback.

Bosa helped lead the 49ers to the Super Bowl after he watched Arizona make Kyler Murray of Oklahoma the top overall pick in last year's draft.

"Nick, he's always setting the standard. That's just motivation for me to achieve a lot of real good things," Young said Thursday during his media session at the NFL scouting combine. "It's definitely been a blessing to watch him grow into the player that he is. He's definitely helped me along this passage. He hasn't stopped. I'm just grateful to be able to see him grow."

And to follow suit.

"It's going to be exciting," Young said. "I'm definitely excited to play with the big dogs and excited to show the world what I can do."

Like Bosa 11 months ago, Young is the consensus cream of this year's crop, an All-Pro in waiting, said NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah, who compares Young to Julius Peppers and Mario Williams.

"I definitely think I'm the best player in the draft," Young declared. "I think I showed it on my tape. You can go to every game. I think I showed it. I definitely think I'll put my best foot forward this year. I grinded hard. Two of my biggest things are my hard work and dedication and I'm going to bring those two to the NFL with me."

Young is considered a generational talent, but Joe

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AJ Mast / AP

Ohio State defensive lineman Chase Young listens during a news conference at the NFL combine on Thursday.

Brown, Davis follow different paths on journey to NFL draft

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Auburn defensive tackle Derrick Brown bet big on himself last winter and is about to see the payoff.

Alabama defensive tackle Raekwon Davis may have run out of luck.

After two of the nation's top defensive tackles turned down a chance to enter last year's NFL draft, opting instead to pursue a national championship and a college degree, Brown and Davis arrived at the NFL's annual scouting combine in Indianapolis in vastly different circumstances.

Brown is trying to solidify his position as the top-rated interior lineman in this year's draft while Davis needs to rebuild his reputation.

"I'm here to work, I'm here to put on the best show possible," Brown said Thursday in Indianapolis. "I like to impose my will."

He certainly did in this comparison.

The two college rivals, whose campuses are separated by 160 miles, couldn't find themselves further apart in the eyes of league scouts.

At 6-foot-5, 326 pounds, Brown masterfully takes on blockers, pushes the pocket and stuffs the run. In 53 college games, he had 170 tackles, 13 sacks and 33 ½ tackles for loss, setting a program record with a 590-pound squat and earning

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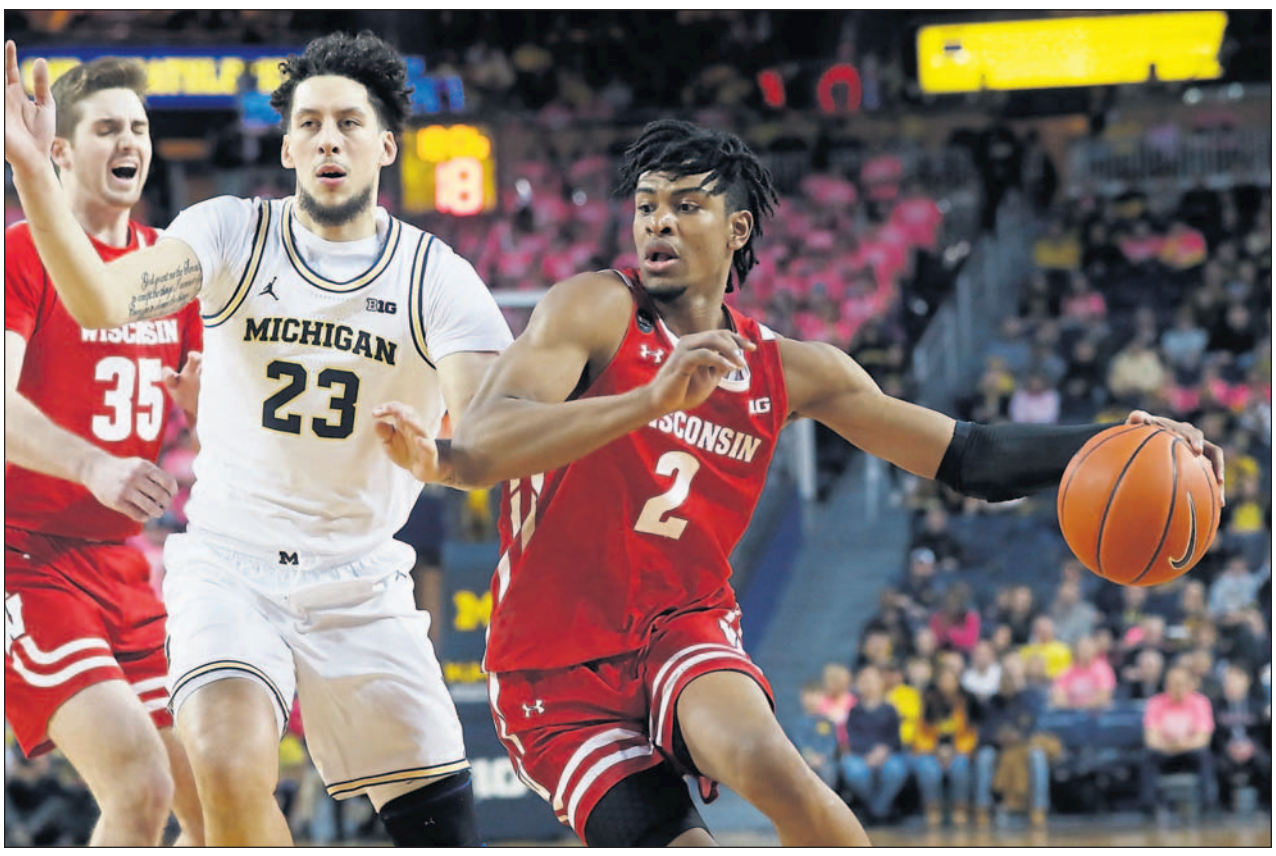

Carlos Osorio / AP

Wisconsin forward Aleem Ford (2) drives against Michigan forward Brandon Johns Jr. (23) during the first half of Thursday's game.

Just enough to lose

Wolverines falter in final minute, fall to Badgers

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Wisconsin inbounded the ball and D'Mitrik Trice spent a few seconds dribbling on the perimeter. Then he passed to a teammate, who passed back.

Wisconsin 81, Michigan 74

After a bit more dribbling, there wasn't much time for Trice to do anything but shoot.

"I knew that I was going to be able to attack or create for somebody else, or find my own shot," Trice said. "He was sagging off a little bit, so I just took the shot with confidence, and it went in."

Trice's 3-pointer late in the second half put the Badgers up by six, and they held on for an 81-74 victory over No. 19 Michigan on Thursday night. Trice finished with 28 points for Wisconsin, which snapped the Wolverines' five-game winning streak and extended its own winning streak to five.

The Badgers (18-10, 11-6 Big Ten) never trailed in the game and repelled every Michigan push in the second half. The Wolverines cut a 14-point deficit to three, but after a Wisconsin timeout with 2:50 remaining, Trice sank his 3-pointer to double the lead.

Down by four, Zavier Simpson of the Wolverines was fouled with 27.1 seconds left. He made the first free throw and missed the second, and Michigan's Brandon Johns came up with the rebound and was fouled. But he missed the front end of a 1-and-1, and Wisconsin held on.

Simpson scored a career-high 32 points for the Wolverines (18-10, 9-8), who were without guard Eli Brooks because of a broken nose.

Trice made his first five shots from the field and the Badgers shot 63 percent in the first half. They were up 43-33 at halftime.

Michigan scored the first eight points of the second half, but Wisconsin answered with a 10-2 run to go back ahead by double digits. It was 59-45 with just over 12 minutes left.

It was 70-67 after a layup by Simpson, and Wisconsin took a timeout. There wasn't much ball movement on the next possession, but that didn't matter when Trice let a 3 fly from the left wing and it went in.

Wisconsin made more 3-pointers (11) than Michigan attempted (10).

"You could tell that they

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Exemptions produce Honda Classic leaders

Lynne Sladky / AP

Tom Lewis hits from the 18th tee during the first round of the Honda Classic on Thursday.

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Sponsor exemptions are basically free-play gifts handed out by the people in charge of golf tournaments, a handful of invitations available most weeks to those who wouldn't have otherwise qualified for an event.

Tom Lewis and Harris English were among the recipients for The Honda Classic.

They made the most of those chances Thursday.

Lewis and English each shot 4-under 66 at PGA National, sharing the lead after the opening round. Lee Westwood – also in the field thanks to a sponsor exemption – was a shot back with Zach Johnson, J.T. Poston, Brian Stuard and Cameron Tringale.

"I didn't hit it my best, but I knew it was going to be one of those rounds you're going to have to grind it out," said English, a two-time winner on the PGA Tour in 2013, but winless since. "It's windy out there, you're going to have a lot of cross-winds, and it played really tough. My short game was on point, and I made some really good putts."

Sometimes, no putt was required: English holed out from about 25 yards on the par-4 11th, catching a great lie after a drop because his second shot came to rest on a sprinkler head.

"That was as good as I can do," English said.

It was a rare easy-looking shot at PGA National. The average score was just a smidge below 2 over, on a day where wind gusts often topped 20 mph.

"It's just live and survive, basically," said Matthew NeSmith, who had a hole-in-one on the par-3 fifth.

Westwood hit 11 of 14 fairways and was thoroughly pleased with how the day went.

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IN BRIEF

MSU adds more football staffers

EAST LANSING (AP) — Michigan State's football team has hired Jason Novak as strength and conditioning coach and Scott Aligo as director of player personnel.

The school also announced Thursday that Geoff Martzen will serve as the program's chief of staff.

The Spartans have been filling out their staff since coach Mel Tucker took over earlier this month following Mark Dantonio's retirement.

Novak was previously head of physical conditioning at IMG Academy and spent four years as the director of strength and conditioning at Central Michigan. Ken Mannie, who was strength and conditioning coach for the Spartans for 25 seasons, announced his retirement this month.

Cubs reliever Brad Wieck has surgery for heart flutter

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Chicago Cubs reliever Brad Wieck had surgery this week for an abnormal heart flutter and is out indefinitely.

The team said Thursday an irregular heartbeat was discovered during the 28-year-old left-hander's spring training physical. Subsequent tests showed an intermittent atrial flutter.

Wieck underwent a cardiac ablation at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago on Monday and returned to Arizona two days later.

AIRWAVES

Television today

1:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **MLB Preseason Baseball** Toronto Blue Jays at Detroit Tigers. (Live)
2:00 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Honda Classic, Second Round. (Live) CC
2:55 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Norwich City FC vs Leicester City FC. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Xfinity Series Race At Auto Club, Practice. (Live) CC
4:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Auto Club 400, Practice. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Xfinity Series Race At Auto Club, Final Practice. (Live) CC
5:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Auto Club 400, Final Practice. (Live) CC
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Wisconsin at Ohio State. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Davidson at Dayton. (Live)
(FS1) **Women's College Basketball** Villanova at Creighton. (Live) CC
(NBCSports) **College Hockey** Michigan State at Notre Dame. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Oklahoma City Thunder at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Michigan at Minnesota. (Live) CC
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Texas State at Texas-Arlington. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **NBA Basketball** Detroit Pistons at Phoenix Suns. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Washington State at Washington. (Live) CC
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **NBA Basketball** Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Clippers. (Live)
10:45 p.m. (Showtime) **Boxing** ShoBox: The New Generation. (Live) CC
3:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Oman Open, Third Round. (Live) CC

Saturday

7:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Brighton & Hove Albion FC vs Crystal Palace FC. (Live)
9:30 a.m. (FS1) **Bundesliga Soccer** TSG 1899 Hoffenheim vs FC Bayern Munich. (Live) CC
9:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** AFC Bournemouth vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
12:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **U.S. Olympic Trials** Marathon. The top three women and top three men will be selected. (Live)
(17) (22.2) (32) **College Basketball** Providence at Villanova. (Live)
(Bigten) **College Basketball** Penn State at Iowa. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Texas at Texas Tech. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Texas A&M at LSU. (Live)
(FS1) **Horse Racing** America's Day at the Races. Racing action from the Saudi Cup in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (Live) CC
12:25 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Watford FC vs Liverpool FC. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **MLB Preseason Baseball** Detroit Tigers at New York Yankees. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** NASCAR Xfinity Series Race At Auto Club, Qualifying. (Live) CC
(Golf) **PGA Tour Golf** The Honda Classic, Third Round. (Live) CC
1:30 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **College Basketball** Kansas at Kansas State. (Live) CC
2:00 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **XFL Football** Los Angeles Wildcats at New York Guardians. (Live)
(Bigten) **Women's College Basketball** Illinois at Northwestern. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Baylor at TCU. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Florida at Tennessee. (Live)
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(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Oklahoma at West Virginia. (Live)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Notre Dame at Wake Forest. (Live)
(FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** Production Alliance Group 300. (Live) CC
4:30 p.m. (Golf) **PGA Tour Champions Golf** Cologuard Classic, Second Round. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. (17) (22.2) (32) **XFL Football** Seattle Dragons at St. Louis BattleHawks. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NBA Basketball** Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks. (Live)
(NBCSports) **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Atlanta. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Gymnastics** Penn State at Nebraska. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Duke at Virginia. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Northern Iowa at Drake. (Live)
6:30 p.m. (FS1) **College Basketball** DePaul at Butler. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Detroit Red Wings at Ottawa Senators. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Hockey** Wisconsin at Ohio State. (Live) CC
(ESPN) **College Basketball** Michigan State at Maryland. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** San Diego State at Nevada. (Live)
(NBCSCH) **NHL Hockey** Chicago Blackhawks at Florida Panthers. (Live)
(NBCSports) **World Rugby Sevens Series** Day 1. From Los Angeles. (Live)
8:30 p.m. (7) (13) (41) (57) **NBA Basketball** Houston Rockets at Boston Celtics. (Live) CC
(17) (22.2) (32) **MLS Soccer** Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC. (Live)
(FS1) **PBA Bowling** Indianapolis Open. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Basketball** Arizona at UCLA. (Live)
(ESPN2) **College Basketball** Saint Mary's (Calif.) at Gonzaga. (Live)
3:00 a.m. (Golf) **European PGA Tour Golf** Oman Open, Final Round. (Live)

Radio today

5:45 p.m.
High school basketball — Portage Central at St. Joseph doubleheader (WSJM-AM, 1400; WSJM-FM, 106.1)

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Former Michigan wrestlers urge more victims to 'speak up'

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER and LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — The whistleblower whose letter to University of Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel alleging sexual assault sparked an investigation into a former school doctor says he was inspired by the women who testified against convicted Michigan State physician Larry Nassar.

An attorney for Tad DeLuca said Thursday that his client complained to his wrestling coach in 1975 that Dr. Robert E. Anderson molested him during medical exams. In response, then-coach Bill Johannesen humiliated DeLuca, kicked him off the team and effectively removed his financial assistance, the attorney said.

"I spoke up again by letter in 2018 after hearing an NPR story about the MSU gymnasts, women who I am in awe of," DeLuca said at a news conference in suburban Detroit. "Once again, the University of Michigan ignored me.

"I'm here today to speak up again, to let the University of Michigan know that I will not be ignored."

DeLuca's 2018 letter of complaint about Anderson, now deceased, led to a university police investigation that became public last week. Two other former Michigan wrestlers who allege they were abused by Anderson also spoke to reporters Thursday: Tom Evashevski and Andy Hrovat, the first athlete to publicly say Anderson molested him.

Evashevski was in school with DeLuca at Michigan in the mid-1970s. Hrovat was a star wrestler in the late 1990s for the Wolverines and went on to compete for the U.S. at the 2008 Olympics.

"These were and are physically and mentally tough men," said attorney Parker Stinar, who represents the trio. "But they were all victims of sexual abuse and victims of an institution that ignored warning after warning after warning about a predator preying on young individuals."

DeLuca put his complaints about Anderson in writing in 1975 in a letter to Johannesen. Subsequently, Johannesen read DeLuca's letter to his teammates in an effort to humiliate him, kicked him off the team and took away his scholarship, according to Stinar.

Johannesen denied in interviews this week with The Associated Press that any of his student-athletes ever told him Anderson touched them inappropriately.

"You can't call him a coach," said DeLuca, a retired teacher in northern Michigan. "'Coach' is a term of endearment."

Stinar predicts "hundreds of more victims" will emerge, saying his firm already represents more than a dozen. The Denver-based attorney met with the school's general counsel Thursday afternoon.

"For nearly four decades, the University of Michigan allowed Dr. Anderson to prey on vulnerable young individuals away from home for the first time," Stinar said. "I ask the University of Michigan this: Why didn't you act in 1975 or earlier to prevent the sexual abuse of possibly hundreds of other victims?"

Hours after the news conference, the University of Michigan released a statement.

"The three brave men who came forward today to share their stories delivered a powerful message," the statement read. "We want to encourage everyone harmed by Robert E. Anderson or who has evidence of his misconduct to come forward. At the University of Michigan, we want to hear your voices."

Chris O'Meara / AP

Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith (2) tries to keep the puck from Tampa Bay Lightning center Barclay Goodrow during the first period of Thursday's game.

Kubalik records hat trick, Chicago rallies past Tampa Bay

By ERIK ERLENDSSON
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Dominik Kubalik recorded a hat trick with three goals in the third period, and the Chicago Blackhawks rallied past the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-2 on Thursday night.

Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 2

Slater Koekkoek scored his first goal of the season and Brandon Saad added another score as Chicago beat the Lightning for the first time in regulation since Dec. 13, 2009.

The Blackhawks scored three goals in a span of 5:20 and five goals total in the third period to erase a two-goal deficit.

Chicago's Corey Crawford finished with 37 saves.

Tampa Bay had won eight consecutive games against Chicago and was 14-0-2 in the last 16 meetings in the regular season.

Nikita Kucherov and Brayden Point each had a goal and an assist for Tampa Bay, which lost its fourth consecutive game. Curtis McElhinney stopped 22 shots.

Koekkoek, a 2012 first-round pick by the Lightning, fired a shot from the right point through traffic for the eventual winner. It was his first goal since April 5.

The first two periods were dominated by special teams, with eight combined power-play chances for a combined 15 minutes, 52 seconds of special team play in the opening 32:38 of the game.

But both goaltenders were sharp. McElhinney faced four shots while on the penalty kill, while Crawford turned aside eight shots to keep the game scoreless through two periods.

Point finally broke through during even-strength play at 15:31 of the second period. He wheeled around the zone from the left circle to the high slot and zipped a wrist shot through traffic for his 24th goal of the season.

Kucherov scored 17 seconds into the third period. He scored from off to the side of the net on a snap shot off a feed from Point for his 32nd goal of the season.

Chicago gained momentum off a fifth power-play chance after Luke Schenn was whistled for interference at 2:28 of the third.

Eight seconds after the man advantage ended, Saad scored off a rebound in front at 4:36.

On the next shift, Tampa Bay was called for an intentional offside call, sending the faceoff back to the Lightning zone. Kubalik found another rebound and tied the game 26 seconds after Saad's goal. Kubalik scored his second on the power play at 11:43.

Kubalik capped off the hat trick with an empty-net goal with 2:31 left to play.

UP NEXT

Lightning: Host Calgary Flames on Saturday.
Blackhawks: At Florida Panthers on Saturday.

Dumba, Wild easily defeat Red Wings

By PAUL HARRIS
Associated Press

DETROIT — Defenseman Matt Dumba had two goals and an assist and the Minnesota Wild beat the Detroit Red Wings 7-1 on Thursday night.

Minnesota 7, Detroit 1

Kevin Fiala had a goal and two assists, Ryan Hartman and Ryan Donato and had a goal and an assist each and Jordan Greenway and Eric Staal also scored for Minnesota, which is battling for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference. Mikko Koivu had two assists and Alex Stalock made 25 saves.

Anthony Mantha scored for Detroit, which owns the league's worst record. Jimmy Howard stopped 12 shots before being replaced by Jonathan Bernier, who made seven saves.

Howard is 0-18-2 since his last win on Oct. 29, has been pulled five times this season and has allowed nine goals on 33 shots in his last two games.

The Wild scored three goals in a 2:20 span of the first period to take a 3-0 lead.

Hartman opened the scoring with a backhand tip-in that finished off a three-way passing play, with Koivu and Donato, off the rush 7:52 into the game. Donato put in Hartman's rebound 27 seconds later, and Dumba scored on a shot from the point with 9:48 left in the opening period.

Mantha got his 14th goal, on a breakaway, 7:33 into the second period but Dumba's power-play goal restored Minnesota's three-goal lead with 9:30 left in the middle period. Greenway scored 2:35 later, which sent Howard to the bench in favor of Bernier. Fiala added his 18th goal with 1:44 remaining in the second.

Staal scored his 19th goal midway through the third.

Notes: C Victor Rask was a healthy scratch for Minnesota. ... C Sam Gagner made his debut with Detroit after being acquired from the Edmonton Oilers on Monday. ... Red Wings D Filip Hronek returned after missing four games with a head injury.

UP NEXT

Red Wings: At Ottawa on Saturday.

MLB appoints 1st black umpire crew chief

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Kerwin Danley became the first African American umpire crew chief in Major League Baseball when a series of promotions, additions and retirements were announced Thursday.

The moves included Alfonso Marquez being elevated to the first Hispanic crew chief in MLB history born outside the United States and second overall.

Crew chiefs Jeff Kellogg, Dana DeMuth, Gary Cederstrom and Mike Everitt have retired. Kellogg and Everitt will move into jobs as MLB umpire supervisors.

Dan Iassogna and Jim Reynolds were promoted to crew chiefs.

Ramon De Jesus, who worked his first big league game in 2016 as a minor league fill-in, moved up and became the first Dominican-born umpire on the MLB staff. Also getting full-time jobs in the majors were Ryan Blakney, Chris Segal and Jansen Visconti.

Nic Lentz also joined the MLB umpire roster, replacing the late Eric Cooper.

The 58-year-old Danley has worked two World Series and 10 other postseason rounds, along with two All-Star Games. He called his first game in the majors in 1992 and was hired to the MLB staff in 1998.

Danley played college ball at San Diego State and was a first-team All-America outfielder in 1983 when he batted .399. His teammates with the Aztecs included future Hall of Fame outfielder Tony Gwynn – Danley's roommate – and current Colorado manager Bud Black. In a neat coincidence, Danley was the first base umpire when Gwynn got his 3,000th hit during a 1999 game in Montreal and gave his former teammate a hug by the bag.

Danley began his umpiring career in 1985 in the Northwest League, and kept working his way up through the minors.

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By HP STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 53, BANGOR 25

M LUTHERAN (53)
Jessi Jewell 7 0-0 17, Mara Rugen 7 0-0 15, Rebekah Hisle 3 1-4 7. Abby Harris 3 0-0 6, Jenna Koehler 2 0-0 4, Maria Rush 1 0-0 2, Clare Berghaus 1 0-2 2. Totals: 24 1-6 53.
BANGOR (25)
Laxy Strempel 4 0-0 8, Amara Littlefield 3 0-2 8, Alyssa Birner 2 1-2 5, Martiza Barajas 2 0-0 4. Totals: 11 1-4 25.

M Lutheran	**12**	**14**	**12**	**15**	**– 53**
Bangor	**7**	**6**	**8**	**4**	**– 25**

3-point goals – M Lutheran 4 (Jewell 3, Rugen), Bangor 2 (Littlefield 2). Total fouls – M Lutheran 9, Bangor 7. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – M Lutheran 18-1, Bangor 1-18.

BUCHANAN 60, BERRIEN SPRINGS 29

BUCHANAN (60)
Faith Carson 10 0-1 20, Emma Lozmack 5 0-0 13, Hannah Tompkins 3 0-0 8, Claire Lietz 2 0-0 5, Serynn Nowlin 2 0-0 4, Alexa Burns 1 2-2 4, Sophia Lozmack 1 0-0 2, Hailey Jonatzke 1 0-0 2, Brooke Atkinson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 25 2-3 60.
B SPRINGS (29)
Hillary Dortch 6 0-0 15, Taneya Shivers 3 1-2 9, Zoe Dortch 0 3-4 3, Miracle Love 1 0-0 2. Totals: 10 4-6 29.

B Springs	**4**	**4**	**13**	**8**	**– 29**
Buchanan	**13**	**20**	**12**	**15**	**– 60**

3-point goals – Buchanan 6 (E. Lozmack 3, Tompkins 2, Lietz), Berrien Springs 5 (H. Dortch 3, Shivers 2). Total fouls – B Springs 7, Buchanan 6. Fouled out – None. Technical fouls – None.
Records – Buchanan 8-2 BCS Red, 15-5; B Springs 5-5 BCS Red, 8-12.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL
WHIRLPOOL MIXED – Ben Brose 661 (237), Eric Monville 635 (233), Glenn Roper 589 (233), Scott Ostojic 581 (202), Joe kramer 558 (207), Ryan Overhiser 548 (214), Mike Wright 537 (214), Sally Loikits 510 (206), Ami Huff 493 (208), Sue Wyman 465, Carol Bickers 457. Team scores: The Bowling Stones 2126 (756), Up's & Down's 1903 (654).

AREA SCHEDULE

Today
Boys basketball
Lakeshore at Niles, 7
Portage Central at St. Joseph, 7
Paw Paw at Dowagiac, 7:15
Plainwell at South Haven, 7:15
Lawrence at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:15
Coloma at Watervliet, 7:30
Buchanan at Berrien Springs, 7:30
Comstock at Bridgman, 7:30
Covert at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30
New Buffalo at Howardsville Christian, 7:30
River Valley at Countryside, 7:30
Decatur at Mendon, 7:30
Centreville at Eau Claire, 7:30
Cassopolis at Hartford, 7:30
Bloomingdale at White Pigeon, 7:30
Girls basketball
Portage Central at St. Joseph, 5:45
Lakeshore at Niles, 5:45
Lawrence at Lake Michigan Catholic, 5:45
Comstock at Bridgman, 6
Covert at Michigan Lutheran, 6
New Buffalo at Howardsville Christian, 6
Coloma at Watervliet, 6
River Valley at Countryside, 6
Wrestling
Team state quarterfinals
Division 2
Lakeshore vs. Mason, 6:45
Division 3
Dowagiac vs. Dundee, 4:30
Bowling
Team regionals
Division 2
Niles at Continental Lanes, Kalamazoo
Division 3
Coloma, Brandywine, South Haven at M-66 Bowl, Battle Creek
Boys swimming
SMAC meet at BC Central
South Haven at SCC meet at Allegan, 1

Saturday
Wrestling
Team state finals
Bowling
Individual regionals
Division 2
Niles at Continental Lanes, Kalamazoo
Division 3
Coloma, Brandywine, South Haven at M-66 Bowl, Battle Creek
Competitive cheer
Regionals
Division 3
Berrien Springs at Rockford, 6
Division 4
Lake Michigan Catholic at Jenison
Boys swimming
SMAC meet at BC Central
South Haven at SCC meet at Allegan, 11

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WISCONSIN 81, NO. 19 MICHIGAN 74

WISCONSIN (18-10)
Ford 6-8 4-4 18, Reuvers 1-2 0-0 2, Davison 2-7 2-2 6, Pritzl 1-6 2-2 4, Trice 10-16 3-5 28, Potter 7-12 1-2 18, Wahl 2-2 0-0 5, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-54 12-15 81.
MICHIGAN (18-10)
Johns 2-6 1-3 5, Livers 3-10 2-2 9, Teske 3-5 1-1 7, Simpson 14-22 3-7 32, Wagner 7-9 2-2 17, DeJulius 1-3 0-0 2, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Nunez 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-60 9-15 74.
Halftime—Wisconsin 43-33. 3-Point Goals—Wisconsin 11-23 (Trice 5-6, Potter 3-6, Ford 2-3, Wahl 1-1, Anderson 0-1, Pritzl 0-2, Davison 0-4), Michigan 3-10 (Simpson 1-1, Livers 1-2, Wagner 1-2, Nunez 0-1, Teske 0-1, Johns 0-3). Rebounds—Wisconsin 28 (Ford 8), Michigan 27 (Wagner 7). Assists—Wisconsin 10 (Davison, Trice 4), Michigan 8 (Simpson 6). Total Fouls—Wisconsin 15, Michigan 17. A—12,707 (12,707).

Thursday's men's scores
EAST
Fairleigh Dickinson 74, Bryant 72
Iona 86, Canisius 65
LIU 74, Wagner 66
Merrimack 69, CCSU 58
Niagara 63, St. Peter's 54
Northeastern 77, James Madison 57
Sacred Heart 73, St. Francis Brooklyn 63
St. Francis (Pa.) 75, Mount St. Mary's 62
Towson 76, Hofstra 65
SOUTH
Austin Peay 67, Morehead St. 58
Belmont 65, Tennessee Tech 62
Coll. of Charleston 80, Delaware 71
FAU 80, UTSA 71
Florida Gulf Coast 73, Jacksonville 67
Gardner-Webb 83, Charleston Southern 74
Liberty 76, Kennesaw St. 52
Longwood 58, Presbyterian 55
Murray St. 74, E. Kentucky 62
North Alabama 72, NJIT 65
North Florida 85, Stetson 72
North Texas 78, FIU 59
Radford 81, Hampton 78
SIU-Edwardsville 90, UT Martin 75
Tennessee St. 65, Jacksonville St. 55
UAB 88, Marshall 80
UNC-Asheville 80, High Point 76
UNC-Wilmington 76, Drexel 65
W. Kentucky 95, Louisiana Tech 91, OT
Winthrop 90, SC-Upstate 82
MIDWEST
Cleveland St. 70, Milwaukee 68
E. Illinois 72, SE Missouri 70
Green Bay 102, Youngstown St. 92
IUPUI 71, Oakland 68
Ill.-Chicago 84, Detroit 67
Illinois 74, Northwestern 66
Miami (Ohio) 76, Cent. Michigan 57
N. Dakota St. 71, S. Dakota St. 69, OT
Ohio St. 75, Nebraska 54
Purdue 57, Indiana 49
Wichita St. 72, Temple 69
Wisconsin 81, Michigan 74
SOUTHWEST
Oral Roberts 113, W. Illinois 70
UALR 79, Louisiana-Monroe 63
FAR WEST
California 76, Colorado 62
E. Washington 69, S. Utah 51
Gonzaga 94, San Diego 59
N. Arizona 57, Montana 56
N. Colorado 93, Idaho 49
New Mexico St. 67, Grand Canyon 53
Portland St. 89, Idaho St. 76

Standings through Wednesday games
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Florida St.	14	3	.824	24	4	.857
Louisville	14	4	.778	23	6	.793
Duke	13	4	.765	23	5	.821
Virginia	12	5	.706	20	7	.741
Notre Dame	9	8	.529	18	10	.643
Syracuse	9	8	.529	16	12	.571
NC State	8	9	.471	17	11	.607
Clemson	8	9	.471	14	13	.519
Georgia Tech	8	9	.471	14	14	.500
Boston College	7	11	.389	13	16	.448
Virginia Tech	6	11	.353	15	13	.536
Miami	6	11	.353	14	13	.519
Pittsburgh	6	12	.333	15	14	.517
Wake Forest	5	12	.294	12	15	.444
North Carolina	4	13	.235	11	17	.393

Wednesday's Games
Syracuse 72, Pittsburgh 49
Virginia 56, Virginia Tech 53
Notre Dame 62, Boston College 61
Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh at NC State, Noon
Florida St. at Clemson, 2 p.m.
North Carolina at Syracuse, 4 p.m.
Notre Dame at Wake Forest, 4 p.m.
Duke at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Miami at Georgia Tech, 8 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	13	4	.765	23	5	.821
Penn St.	11	6	.647	21	7	.750
Michigan St.	11	6	.647	19	9	.679
Illinois	10	6	.625	18	9	.667
Wisconsin	10	6	.625	17	10	.630
Iowa	10	7	.588	19	9	.679
Michigan	9	7	.563	18	9	.667
Rutgers	9	9	.500	18	11	.621
Indiana	8	8	.500	18	9	.667
Ohio St.	8	8	.500	18	9	.667
Purdue	7	10	.412	14	14	.500
Minnesota	7	10	.412	13	14	.481
Nebraska	2	14	.125	7	20	.259
Northwestern	1	15	.063	6	20	.231

Wednesday's Games
Penn St. 65, Rutgers 64
Maryland 74, Minnesota 73
Thursday's Games
Wisconsin at Michigan
Indiana at Purdue
Illinois at Northwestern
Ohio St. at Nebraska
Saturday's Games
Penn St. at Iowa, Noon
Michigan St. at Maryland, 8 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	42	16	.724	—
Boston	41	17	.707	1
Phila.	37	23	.617	6
Brooklyn	26	31	.456	15½
New York	17	42	.288	25½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	22	.621	—
Orlando	26	32	.448	10
Washington	21	36	.368	14½
Charlotte	20	38	.345	16
Atlanta	17	43	.283	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	50	8	.862	—
Indiana	35	24	.593	15½
Chicago	20	39	.339	30½
Detroit	19	41	.317	32
Cleveland	17	41	.293	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	38	20	.655	—
Dallas	36	23	.610	2½
Memphis	28	30	.483	10
New Orleans	25	33	.431	13
San Antonio	24	33	.421	13½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	40	18	.690	—
Oklahoma City	37	22	.627	3½
Utah	36	22	.621	4
Portland	26	34	.433	15
Minnesota	17	40	.298	22½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	44	12	.786	—
L.A. Clippers	39	19	.672	6
Sacramento	24	34	.414	21
Phoenix	24	35	.407	21½
Golden State	12	46	.207	33

x-clinched playoff spot
Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 108, Phila. 94
Charlotte 107, New York 101
Washington 110, Brooklyn 106
Orlando 130, Atlanta 120
Minnesota 129, Miami 126
Houston 140, Memphis 112
Dallas 109, San Antonio 103
L.A. Clippers 102, Phoenix 92
Boston 114, Utah 103
Thursday's Games
Phila. 115, New York 106
Indiana 106, Portland 100
Oklahoma City 112, Sacramento 108
L.A. Lakers at Golden State
Today's Games
Minnesota at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Cameron Tringale	34-33—67	-3
J.T. Poston	33-34—67	-3
Lee Westwood	34-33—67	-3
Brian Stuard	32-35—67	-3
Wyndham Clark	31-37—68	-2
Brendan Steele	36-32—68	-2
Doc Redman	33-35—68	-2
Patrick Rodgers	34-35—69	-1
Charl Schwartzel	34-35—69	-1
Sam Burns	33-36—69	-1
Cameron Percy	35-34—69	-1
Tim Wilkinson	34-35—69	-1
Harold Varner III	34-35—69	-1
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	35-34—69	-1
Mark Hubbard	32-37—69	-1
Kevin Streelman	35-34—69	-1
Daniel Berger	33-36—69	-1
Shane Lowry	32-37—69	-1
Jamie Lovemark	34-35—69	-1
Bud Cauley	36-34—70	E
Robby Shelton	35-35—70	E
Ian Poulter	36-34—70	E
Hudson Swafford	35-35—70	E
Ryan Palmer	34-36—70	E
Keegan Bradley	35-35—70	E
Tommy Fleetwood	36-34—70	E
Richy Werenski	35-35—70	E
Sepp Straka	36-34—70	E
Matt Jones	33-37—70	E
Brandon Hagy	33-37—70	E
Cameron Davis	36-34—70	E
Beau Hossler	34-36—70	E
Danny Lee	35-35—70	E
Luke Donald	36-34—70	E
Gary Woodland	35-35—70	E
Patton Kizzire	35-35—70	E
Jason Dufner	34-36—70	E
Scott Stallings	33-37—70	E
Jhonattan Vegas	36-34—70	E
Michael Thompson	35-35—70	E
Russell Henley	36-34—70	E
Maverick McNealy	34-36—70	E
Kurt Kitayama	36-34—70	E
Chris Baker	36-34—70	E
Vaughn Taylor	37-34—71	+1
Chesson Hadley	36-35—71	+1
Adam Long	33-38—71	+1
Josh Teater	35-36—71	+1
Nick Watney	31-40—71	+1
Matthew NeSmith	34-37—71	+1
Rob Oppenheim	36-35—71	+1
Mark Anderson	36-35—71	+1
Talor Gooch	34-37—71	+1
Matt Wallace	32-39—71	+1
Aaron Wise	34-37—71	+1
Rory Sabbatini	36-35—71	+1
Mackenzie Hughes	37-34—71	+1
Brian Harman	34-37—71	+1
Sam Ryder	34-37—71	+1
Fabián Gómez	34-38—72	+2
Harry Higgs	37-35—72	+2
C.T. Pan	36-36—72	+2
Martin Trainer	35-37—72	+2
Lucas Glover	35-37—72	+2
Brice Garnett	35-37—72	+2
Austin Cook	37-35—72	+2
Justin Rose	34-38—72	+2
Chris Kirk	36-36—72	+2
Padraig Harrington	37-35—72	+2
Sebastian Cappelen	36-36—72	+2
Hayden Buckley	35-37—72	+2
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Michael Gligic	35-37—72	+2
Daniel Wetterich	36-36—72	+2
Andrew McCain	36-36—72	+2
Denny McCarthy	38-35—73	+3
Luke List	37-36—73	+3
Xinjun Zhang	36-37—73	+3
Billy Horschel	37-36—73	+3
Kyle Stanley	34-39—73	+3
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	38-35—73	+3
Kramer Hickok	37-36—73	+3
Sean O'Hair	35-38—73	+3
Corey Conners	36-37—73	+3
Russell Knox	37-36—73	+3
Grayson Murray	32-41—73	+3
Stewart Cink	37-36—73	+3
Lucas Bjerregaard	39-34—73	+3
Tyler McCumber	36-37—73	+3
Hank Lebioda	37-36—73	+3
Peter Malnati	37-37—74	+4
Erik van Rooyen	37-37—74	+4
Ryan Armour	35-39—74	+4
Dylan Frittelli	36-38—74	+4
Joaquin Niemann	36-38—74	+4
Emiliano Grillo	38-36—74	+4
Brian Gay	38-36—74	+4
Chase Seiffert	37-37—74	+4
D.J. Trahan	37-37—74	+4
David Hearn	40-34—74	+4
Scott Harrington	39-35—74	+4
Louis Oosthuizen	37-37—74	+4
Brooks Koepka	38-36—74	+4
Jim Herman	37-37—74	+4
Matt Every	34-40—74	+4
Roger Sloan	37-37—74	+4
Doug Ghim	38-36—74	+4
Seung-Yul Noh	37-38—75	+5
Adam Schenk	37-38—75	+5
Arjun Atwal	38-37—75	+5
Greg Chalmers	36-39—75	+5
Wes Roach	36-39—75	+5
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Davis Love III	39-36—75	+5
Keith Mitchell	37-38—75	+5
Scott Brown	36-39—75	+5
Camilo Villegas	40-35—75	+5
Bo Hoag	37-38—75	+5
Vincent Whaley	35-40—75	+5
Zac Blair	37-39—76	+6
Byeong Hun An	42-34—76	+6
Rickie Fowler	39-37—76	+6
Ryo Ishikawa	38-38—76	+6
Vijay Singh	38-38—76	+6
Justin Bertsch	39-37—76	+6
Si Woo Kim	39-38—77	+7
Viktor Hovland	39-38—77	+7
Bo Van Pelt	34-43—77	+7
Robert Streb	40-37—77	+7
Joseph Bramlett	40-37—77	+7
Jim Furyk	37-41—78	+8
Satoshi Kodaira	40-40—80	+10

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	65	40	13	12	92	214	167
Tampa Bay	64	40	19	5	85	226	180
Toronto	65	34	23	8	76	229	216
Florida	64	33	25	6	72	222	218
Montreal	66	29	28	9	67	199	204
Buffalo	63	29	26	8	66	184	196
Ottawa	65	22	31	12	56	174	221
Detroit	66	15	47	4	34	132	251

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	64	39	19	6	84	222	196
Pittsburgh	62	37	19	6	80	202	170
Philadelphia	63	36	20	7	79	210	185
N.Y. Islanders	63	35	20	8	78	181	171
Columbus	65	31	20	14	76	170	171
Carolina	62	35	23	4	74	202	176
N.Y. Rangers	63	35	24	4	74	212	193
New Jersey	62	25	27	10	60	171	211

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	65	38	17	10	86	209	181
Colorado	62	37	18	7	81	215	168
Dallas	64	37	21	6	80	174	164
Nashville	63	32	23	8	72	202	201
Winnipeg	66	33	27	6	72	199	195
Minnesota	63	31	25	7	69	198	202
Chicago	64	28	28	8	64	192	205

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	65	35	22	8	78	211	196
Vancouver	63	34	23	6	74	209	195
Edmonton	64	33	23	8	74	201	199
Calgary	65	33	25	7	73	195	202
Arizona	66	31	27	8	70	182	176
Anaheim	63	25	30	8	58	165	200
San Jose	63	26	33	4	56	161	207
Los Angeles	64	23	35	6	52	158	204

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Wednesday's Games
Colorado 3, Buffalo 2
Vegas 3, Edmonton 0
Los Angeles 2, Pittsburgh 1
Thursday's Games
Toronto 5, Florida 3
N.Y. Rangers 5, Montreal 2
Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 7, Detroit 1
Ottawa 5, Vancouver 2
Boston 4, Dallas 3
Winnipeg 3, Washington 0
Nashville 4, Calgary 3, OT
St. Louis 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
New Jersey at San Jose
Today's Games
Colorado at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Promoted umpires Kerwin Danley, Dan Iassogna, Alfonso Marquez and Jim Reynolds to Crew Chiefs. Promoted Ryan Blankley, Ramon De Jesus, Nic Lentz, Chris Segal and Jansen Visconti to Major League umpire positions. Announced the retirement of umpires Gary Cederstrom, Dana DeMuth, Mike Everitt, and Jeff Kellogg.
BASKETBALL
NBA G League
SOUTH BAY LAKERS — Acquired G Daishon Smith.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled D Josh Jacobs from Binghamton (AHL).
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS — Signed F Miguel Berry.
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed D Patrick Seagrist.
PHILADELPHIA — Signed MF Alejandro Bedoya.
REAL SALT LAKE — Signed F Giuseppe Rossi.
SAN ANTONIO — Signed F Jose Gallegos to a multi-year contract.
SAN JOSE — Signed F Jack Skahan.
National Women's Soccer League
NWSL — Named Lisa Baird Commisioner.

YOUNG

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Burrow, who led LSU to the national title, is expected to be the No. 1 overall pick in the draft in April.

That selection is owned by the Cincinnati Bengals, and Burrow said this week he wouldn't have any qualms playing for them despite their lack of Super Bowl success.

Burrow grew up in Athens, Ohio, about 2½ hours away, and he cracked this week that he'd be able to head out for some home cooking now and again if Cincinnati indeed selects him.

Young would be even closer to his hometown if the Washington Redskins grab him at No. 2.

He was raised in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, about 10 miles from FedExField, where the Redskins play.

"Yeah, I always watch the Redskins, the hometown team," said Young, who insisted he wasn't a fan of the team as much as he was of certain players such as Clinton Portis or the late Sean Taylor.

"It'd mean a lot, playing in front of my hometown people, it'd definitely be a blessing," Young said. "Everybody who has known me since I was younger could come to a game and things like that. But right now, I'm not focused on who could draft me. I'm focused on being the best player, the best person, I could be and impress the coaches at the combine."

New Redskins coach Ron Rivera demurred this week when asked about selecting a generational talent such as Young with the second selection.

"Well, before we can do anything with the No. 2 pick, we got to see what happens with the No. 1 pick," Rivera said. "So once that pick goes 1, we'll go from there. But again, as I said, everything's an option."

Young is scheduled to meet with the Redskins on Friday, and Washington quarterback Dwayne Haskins, the Redskins' first-round pick out of Ohio State a year ago, definitely hopes things go so well that the 'Skins don't even consider trading the pick.

"Yeah, me and Dwayne talk all the time. I've known Dwayne since high school. He definitely loves the organization and obviously wants me to come play with him," Young said. "We'll see how this whole thing turns out."

Like many of the top players at their positions who don't need to impress teams physically at the combine this week, Young isn't going to showcase his skills during on-field drills at Lucas Oil Field with the rest of the defensive linemen Friday night.

"I chose – me and my team – we decided that because that first day of camp when I step on the field, I want to be the best player I can be. I don't want to waste time trying to be a combine athlete," Young said. "When I step on the field, I know, I need to know that I put my best foot forward as far as being the best player I can be."

Young said he'll do position drills at Ohio State's pro day instead, but he won't run the 40-yard dash there, either.

Bosa, who also avoided the combine workouts a year ago when he was coming off an injury, did impart some advice to Young.

"He just told me to be myself," Young said. "That's what I have been trying to do the whole time I've been here."

PATHS

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All-American honors as a senior.

"It's easy playing next to him because he takes all the attention away from you," said Marlon Davidson, a college teammate. "It makes my job easy because I set the edge and he just destroys the double teams."

Brown also understands there's more to life than football.

At home, he's helping to raise a 14-month-old son, Kai Asher, with his longtime girlfriend. On campus, he serves as the president of Auburn's Student-Athlete Advisory Council. And the teammates who chose Brown as team captain also nicknamed him "Baby Barack," for his diplomatic skills.

The reward for his endeavors came in 2019 when Brown won the Lott IMPACT Award, which goes to the defensive player whose personal character matches his high athletic achievements, and the Senior CLASS Award, which goes to the nation's top senior student-athlete in each sport.

It's the kind of resume that gets NFL decision-makers talking.

Davis, on the other hand, must prove himself all over again.

Coming out of high school, he was considered one of the nation's top prep defensive players and delivered with a breakout season in the Crimson Tide's 2017 national championship-winning season. With 69 tackles and a team-high 8 ½ sacks, scouts salivated at the thought of getting the next Aaron Donald.

But after attracting more attention in 2018 and failing to replicate his performance, Davis acknowledged he became a victim of his own success. So he returned to school, hoping for a rebound.

Instead, his stats declined again, dropping from 55 tackles and 1 ½ sacks in 2018 to 47 tackles and a half-sack in 2019.

"There were a lot of things I wasn't doing just to improve my game, but you know I wasn't really focused enough sometimes and there was just a lot of stuff I wasn't doing," he said. "It went to my head, you know, the hype."

Other questions are almost certain to come up this week, too.

League executives will want to know why Davis punched a Missouri offensive lineman in 2018, which resulted in coach Nick Saban holding him out for the first half the following week.

Then there was the 2017 incident in which he was hit by a stray bullet in the parking lot of a bar in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He didn't miss any games and says it was just a matter of wrong place, wrong time.

The combination makes it unclear exactly where the 6-foot-6, 311-pound Davis fits in the draft. Current draft projections have indicated he is sliding. CBS Sports now ranks him as the No. 6 defensive tackle, while ESPN has him at No. 9.

Davis' best opportunity to change directions may be during the interviews with coaches and general managers in Indy.

"I'm just a special kid," he said. "I've got a high work ethic. I work hard, love the game, love what I do."

It could help him move up.

But he's a long shot to catch Brown.

"My coach always told me don't ever lose," Brown said. "It's been beneficial for a long time."

WOLVERINES

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focused in on their scouting report," Wolverines guard David DeJulius said. "Zavier, he got down in the paint and wreaked havoc a little bit. But other than that we didn't really get much and they defended us well from the 3-point line."

BIG PICTURE

Wisconsin: The Badgers have won 19 of their last 25 games against Michigan, and this was an impressive showing in a matchup of Big Ten teams that have both played well lately. Wisconsin is surging down the stretch even after guard Kobe King left the program around the end of last month.

"I told them in there – 60 days ago, this wouldn't have been possible," Badgers coach Greg Gard said. "We weren't ready to come into this environment against a good team and be able to finish out a game on the road. It just shows the maturity and shows the leadership in the locker room that we have with our older guys."

Michigan: With Brooks sidelined, the Wolverines weren't at their best defensively and fell too far behind against a team that doesn't make many mistakes.

BALANCE

The Badgers have had a different player lead the team in scoring in each game of their current winning streak.

BIG LINEUP

With Brooks out, the Wolverines started Johns, a forward. That meant every Michigan starter except Simpson was at least 6-foot-7.

"I wanted to make sure that I did not have David and Zavier in there at the same time starting, because they're our two primary ball handlers," coach Juwan Howard said. "(If) both get one quick foul, then we're in trouble."

The Wolverines did not get off to a good start, falling behind 19-9.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Badgers were pretty far down the list of others receiving votes this week, but they're building a case to move into the Top 25. Michigan may drop out after a home loss.

UP NEXT

Wisconsin: The Badgers host Minnesota on Sunday. Wisconsin lost the first meeting 70-52 on Feb. 5.

Michigan: The Wolverines play at No. 23 Ohio State on Sunday.

The Buckeyes beat Michigan 61-58 on Feb. 4.

HONDA

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"Everybody should play like that," Westwood said. "Everybody who's out here is in a privileged position with nothing to lose. We should all be having fun. But at the age of nearly 47 it seems even easier. I don't play anywhere I don't want to play. I just play great tournaments and the ones I want to play in, and I set my own schedule, and it's just great fun."

Lewis made his splashy entrance into golf headlines in 2011, when the then-amateur Englishman was a surprise co-leader after the opening round of the British Open. He played that opening round with Tom Watson, the five-time British Open winner who happens to be Lewis' namesake and his father's favorite player. He wound up as the European Tour's rookie of the year that season. Not much has gone right since.

"I struggled for a while, and then I think really things got so low that you couldn't get any lower," Lewis said. "So it was like, 'Well, only good things can happen now.'"

Third-ranked Brooks Koepka, in his hometown tournament, made a triple bogey and a double bogey in a four-hole span on the front side on his way to a 74.

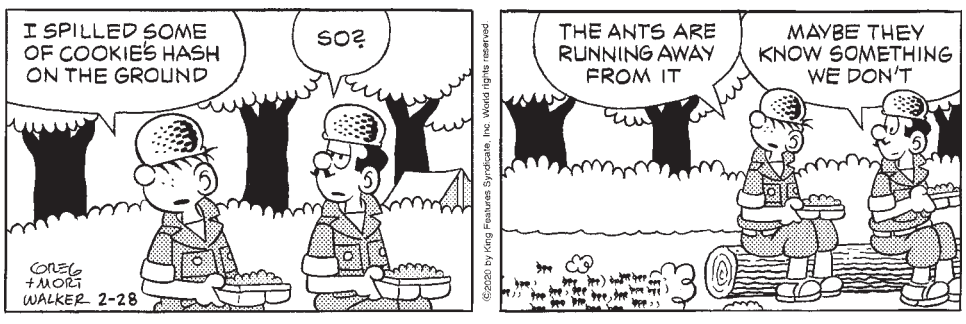
"Didn't feel like I played that bad," Koepka said.

Defending champion Keith Mitchell finished birdie-birdie and still shot 75. Rickie Fowler, who won the Honda in 2017 and tied for second with Koepka last year, made one birdie all day and shot 76.

"It's a fine line," Fowler said. "Just got it going in the wrong direction."

That happens at PGA National. Only 22 of the 144 players broke par.

BEETLE BAILEY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GREG + MORT WALKER 2-28
THE ANTS ARE RUNNING AWAY FROM IT
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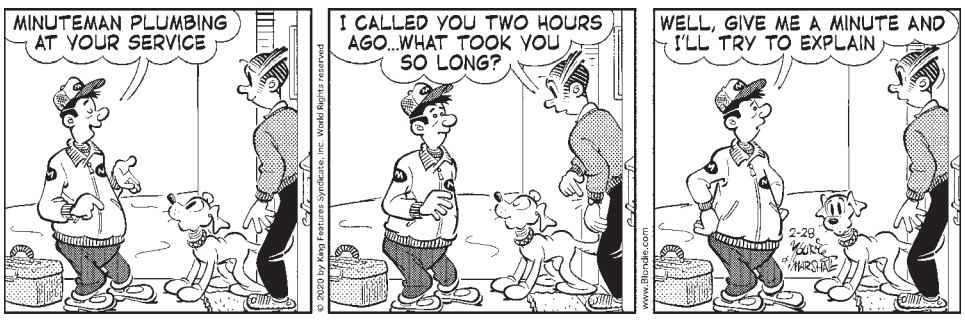
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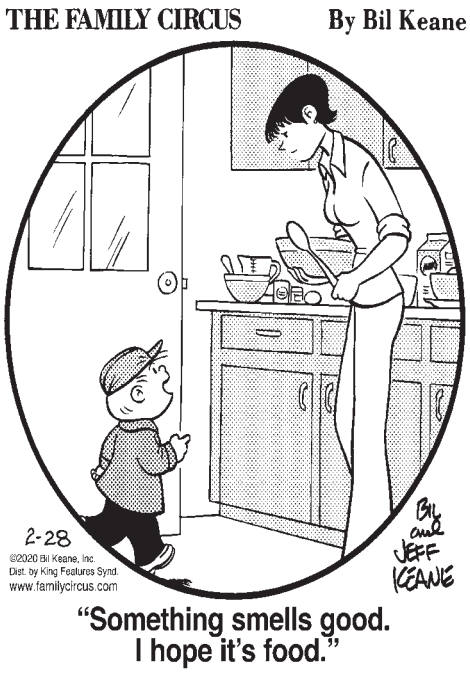
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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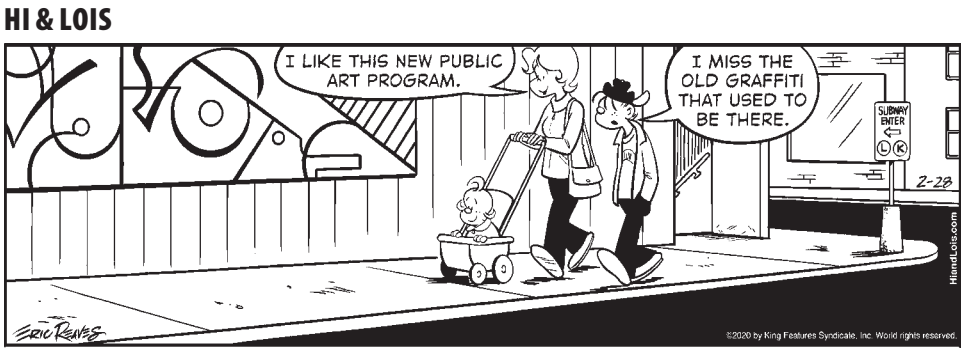
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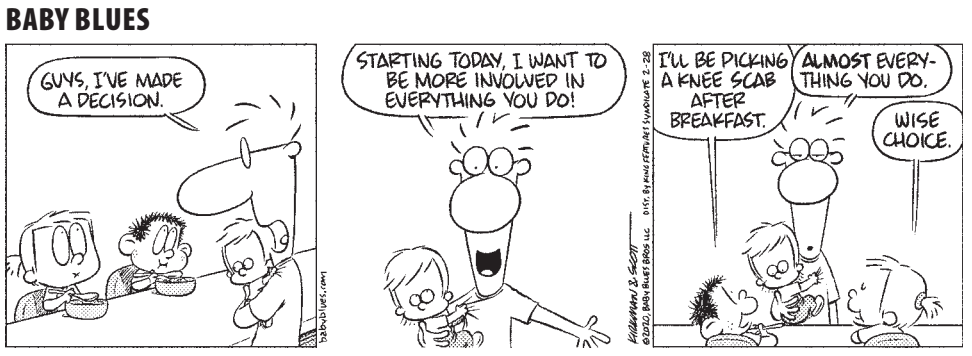
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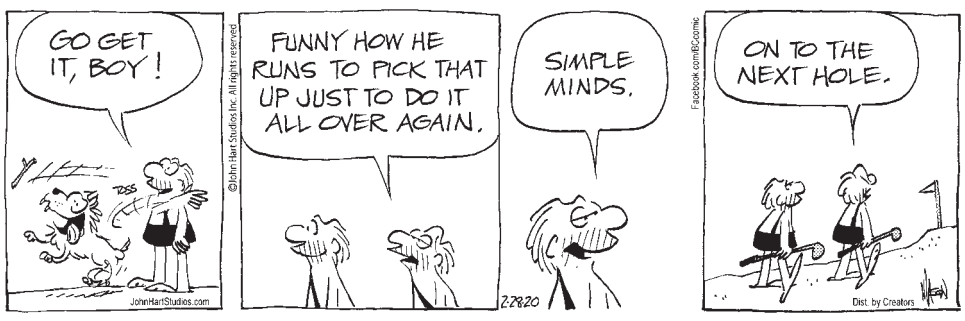
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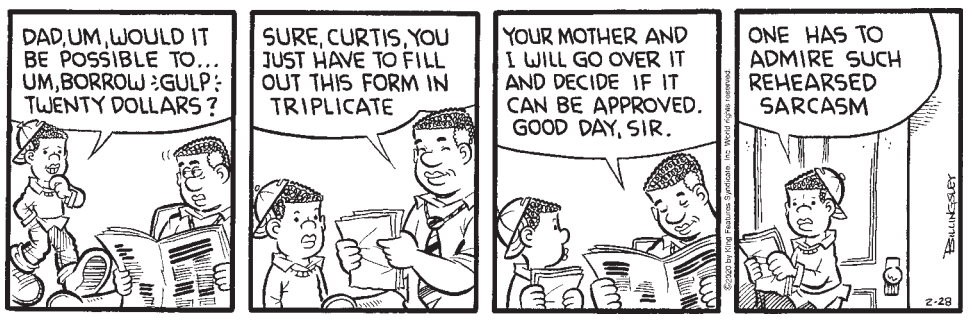
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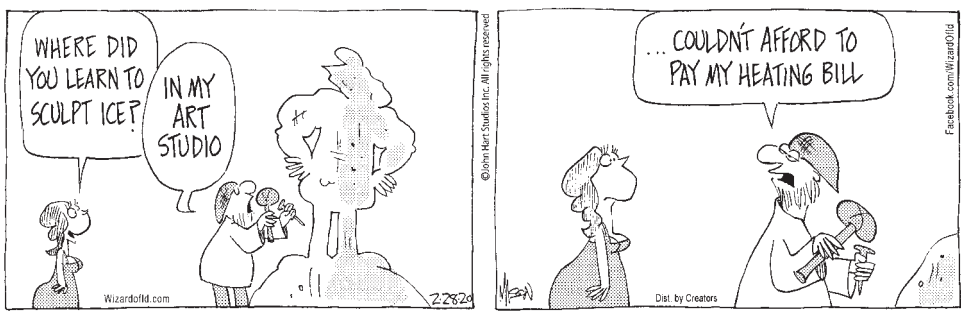
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BUCKETS OF MONEY!
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GARFIELD

BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
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JON NEVER GETS MY JOKES EITHER
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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IT ALL STARTED ONE DAY WHEN I THOUGHT I WAS EATING SEAWEED.
ROAD RUNNER AND THE PEYOTE
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FORT KNOX

MY CHORES ARE GETTING IN THE WAY OF MY SABBATICAL.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
LAZY O's
GIVE ME THE TIME I NEED TO FOCUS ON ME.
I CAN DO THAT.
SMAK-A-RONI
BUT LET'S NOT CALL IT A SABBATICAL.
FINE... WHAT SHOULD WE CALL IT?
SOW OATS
FREE-DUMB!
BEING GROUNDED
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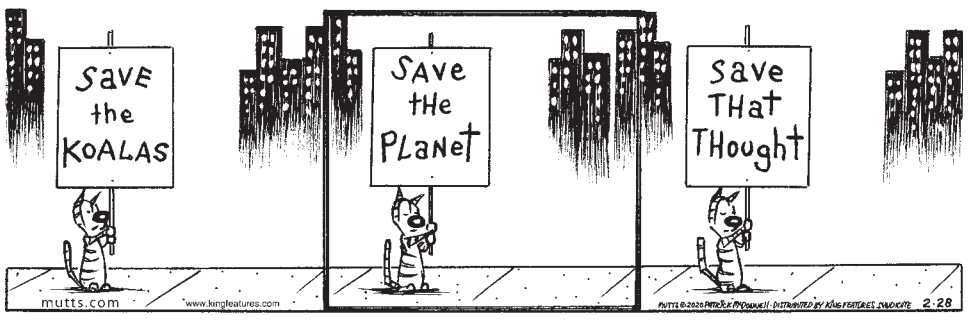

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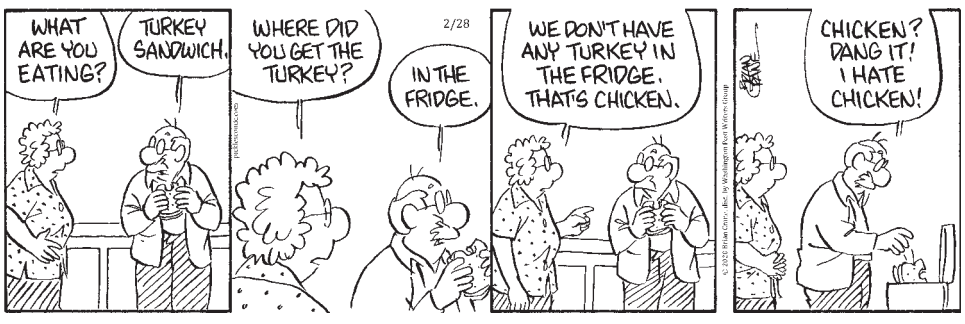
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TURKEY SANDWICH.
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WE DON'T HAVE ANY TURKEY IN THE FRIDGE. THAT'S CHICKEN.
CHICKEN? DANG IT! I HATE CHICKEN!
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SALLY FORTH

HOW MUCH FARTHER UNTIL THE CABIN, JACKIE? IT'S STARTING TO GET DARK.
WE'RE CLOSE.
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AND NOW IT'S STARTING TO SNOW.
WE'RE FINE.
AND NOW WE LOST ALL CELLPHONE SERVICE AND GPS.
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FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Overheard	Washington Week	Washington Week	Country Music: Live at the Ryman, A Concert Celebrating the Film by Ken Burns			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Charmed Macy solicits Julian's help. (N)		Dynasty "That Wicked Stepmother"		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Natural Born Storyteller"		CSI: Miami "G.O." CC		CSI: Miami "Mayday" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Charmed Macy solicits Julian's help. (N)		Dynasty "That Wicked Stepmother"		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
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A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 02.28.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	:00 ★★★★ GoodFellas ('90) Robert De Niro. An Irish-Italian hood joins the 1950s New York Mafia.					:05 ★★ The Outsiders ('83) CC	
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Big Ten	College Hockey		College Hockey Michigan at Minnesota. (N) CC				
Bravo	Walk the Line ('05)	:14 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00) Piper Perabo. A struggling songwriter cuts loose in a rowdy New York bar.					★ Coyote Ugly
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Cinemax	Jesse James	★ Robin Hood ('18, Action) Taron Egerton, Jamie Foxx. (P). CC				Strike Back (N) CC	
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Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Michigan	Detroit	Pistons	NBA Basketball: Pistons at Suns			
Freefrm	★ The Waterboy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	:00 ★★★ Captain America: The Winter Soldier ('14, Action) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson. CC					The Weekly	The Weekly
Golf	PGA Champions		PGA Tour Golf The Honda Classic, Second Round.				
Hallmark	Love's Comp.	Love on Iceland ('20, Romance) Kaitlin Doubleday, Colin Donnell. CC				Christmas in Evergreen: Tidings of Joy	
HBO	:00 The Outsider	7:55 ★ Hellboy ('19, Action) David Harbour, Milla Jovovich, Ian McShane. CC				Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	UnXplain.	The UnXplained: Mysterious Phenomena (N) CC					
HGTV	Home	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	Dr. Pimple Popper		Feet-Killing Me		My 600-Lb. Life (N)	
Lifetime	:00 Supernanny	Supernanny (N) CC		Supernanny "Jones-Nicholich Family" (N)		:03 Supernanny "Andersen Family"	
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Wire to Wire		All-Star	All Ac	World Boxing	
NFL	4:00 2020 NFL Scouting Combine (N) (L) CC						
Nick	Maze	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Lockup	Lockup Orange		Lockup Orange		Lockup: Maricopa	
Oxygen	:00 Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "The Carrollton Plot" (N) CC			Snapped "Doretta Scheffield" CC		Snapped "Carri Standoverbull"	
Parmt	:00 ★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94, Drama) CC						Point Brk.
Showtime	:00 ★★ On the Basis of Sex ('18) Felicity Jones. CC			The Kingmaker ('19) Imelda Marcos. (P). CC			Boxing
Starz	Legally Blonde 2	After the Wedding ('19) Julianne Moore, Michelle Williams. (P). CC				9:55 Outlander "Between Two Fires"	
STZENC	6:58 ★★★★ The Untouchables ('87) Kevin Costner.			★★ Vertical Limit ('00, Suspense) Chris O'Donnell, Bill Paxton. CC			
SyFy	6:15 ★★ King Arthur: Legend of the Sword ('17) CC			★★ xXx: Return of Xander Cage ('17) Vin Diesel, Donnie Yen. CC (DVS)			
TBS	:00 ★★ Battleship ('12) Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard. CC (DVS)				★★ Jack Reacher: Never Go Back ('16) Tom Cruise.		
TCM	East of Eden ('55)	★★★ Rebel Without a Cause ('55, Drama) James Dean, Natalie Wood. CC				★★★ Splendor in the Grass ('61)	
TMC	What's Love	★★★ A League of Their Own ('92) Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna. CC				:10 ★★ Major League ('89) CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ London Has Fallen ('16, Action)				★ Geostorm	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Kindred Spirits (N)		Haunting-Heartland	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
VH1	Barber	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC				★★★ Hitch	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Edema cannot be cured, but it can be managed

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTOR: I am a 76-year-old man who has dealt with edema in various intensities for several years. Now I have been diagnosed with early-stage congestive heart failure. I know I'm not the only senior affected by edema, and I hope you might consider devoting a column it.

DEAR READER: You're correct that many older adults experience edema, which is the medical term for swelling. It occurs when fluid becomes trapped in the affected tissues.

Edema can occur in any part of the body, and it shows up most commonly in the ankles, feet, legs and hands. This is known as peripheral edema. Symptoms include visible swelling or puffiness and skin that looks tight and shiny. Severe edema causes a condition known as pitting, which is when pressure applied to the swollen area causes an indentation that is slow to fade. Edema can also cause abdominal swelling, shortness of breath, elevated heart rate and chest pain.

A common cause of edema in older adults is venous insufficiency. This is when age, illness, injury or the side effects of medications cause the veins and the valves within them to be less efficient at returning blood to the heart. It's an uphill journey from the extremities to the heart, and venous insufficiency allows the blood to pool.

Edema is also a symptom of congestive heart failure, a progressive condition in which the heart becomes unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's needs. The backup of blood from these conditions causes pressure, which forces fluid from tiny capillaries in the area and into the surrounding tissues.

These types of edema cannot be cured, so the goal is management. Exercise, particularly involving the affected limbs, can help veins return blood to the heart. So does spending time with the affected limbs elevated above the heart. Once swelling has lessened, compression garments, such as sleeves and stockings, can help prevent new fluid accumulation. Limiting dietary salt is important because excess sodium causes fluid retention.

Medications known as diuretics, or water pills, help the body release water and sodium via the urine. They're helpful in managing congestive heart failure. Diuretics work by changing how the kidneys handle sodium, which increases the amount of water and sodium released in the urine. Studies show that this may also result in a drop in venous pressure, which can help capillaries to reabsorb some of the water they released. Water loss from diuretics can affect the electrolyte balance in the body, particularly potassium, which is crucial to heart function. Supplemental potassium is often prescribed. People who take a potassium-sparing diuretic must be monitored for excess amounts of the mineral.

It's important to protect areas of edema from pressure and injury, as healing takes longer and infection is a risk. Moreover, if you experience redness, heat or pain; develop an open sore; develop shortness of breath; or start swelling on just one side of the body, seek immediate medical care.

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Family's behavior may call for Plan B

Carolyn Hax

HI, CAROLYN: I am fuming after learning about the death of an aunt on social media because my immediate family members "forgot" to call me. This is not the first time I have been the last one notified of family issues, including the death of a sibling and two of my grandparents. I have tried stepping away from my family, raising the issue with individual family members and as a group, and no one has changed their behaviors. I have been told not to be so dramatic. What should I do? – Invisible

INVISIBLE: Stop holding out for improvement, and start expecting it'll always be thus.

It's a terrible answer.

Making you the perpetual afterthought, especially in response to a sibling's death, is just shoddy behavior by the head(s) of your family. It asks for justice.

But if you've tried and tried and they won't stop tormenting you by omission, then, fair or not, it's on you to Plan-B it: to find ways to become torment proof. You can distance yourself, wedge yourself closer in, accept upfront that you'll always be their afterthought, whatever. The only "right" answer is the one that works and feels best to you.

Whichever you choose, consider also finding ways to "fix it forward" – as in, make a point of never being this thoughtless toward anyone else in your life. It won't seem like much at first, but it might surprise you how much better you can feel once you learn to spin all this dismissiveness into gold.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am a divorce attorney and often get a question that vexes me, primarily asked by my female clients (no disrespect to us fathers out there). Typically, when their exes have found new love, they are very concerned about how their little ones can be raised so as to prevent the ex's new love from changing their children in a way they are uncomfortable with.

My standard response is, "How can it be bad to have more people loving your children?" Some are in total agreement with that but still worry. One used the analogy of making soup: "Some ingredients will change the flavor no matter what the intent is. And as the children's mother, I want the soup the way I want it." Any suggestions how to field that? – Too Much Garlic?

TOO MUCH GARLIC?: Now I'm vexed.

Who told these parents they'd ever get the exact soup they wanted?

Kids have the last word in how they turn out, no matter what we parents do. We control many variables, of course, but nowhere near all of them. Healthier parents don't even want to.

The issue also is hardly confined to an ex's new squeeze; just having the two parents in separate homes now will tweak the recipes for your clients' kids, if not alter it dramatically.

So that's how I'd field that question: You were never getting the soup exactly the way you want it. Your kids were always going to be shaped by some influences beyond your control. So, keep doing the same things that made sense pre-divorce: Be a compassionate, loving, flexible, morally grounded parent; be the best listener you can; and save emergency actions for actual emergencies. Either you'll figure out the rest, or your kids will, based on what they've learned from you.

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22 Checkout units
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26 Daisy Mae's creator
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45 Evita or Juan
46 "My Way" composer
47 Stop working
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55 Before now

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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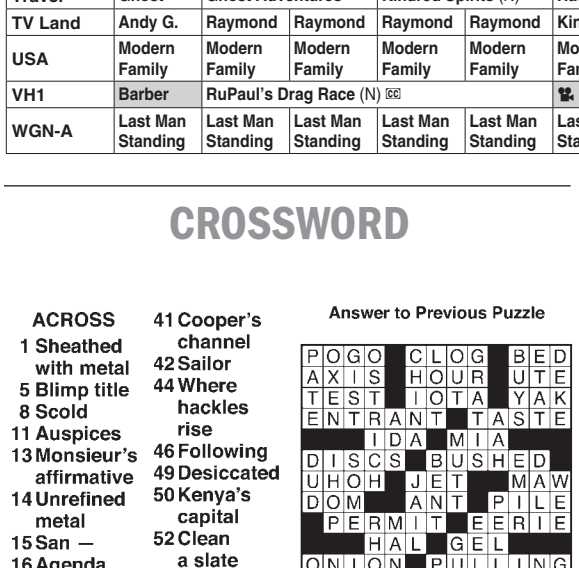

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FINYU

VOREC

RUMTIA

RFTEER

WAAA!
WAAA!
I'm glad I'm up here.
Luckily, the sound doesn't travel all this way.
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BABIES WERE BAWLING IN COACH, BUT BUSINESS CLASS WAS A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AGILE YIELD SONATA SHRIMP
Answer: The developers of the new hover car were working — TIRELESSLY

KAKURO

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24	■	■	■	■	■	■	15 17	■	■
18	■	■	■	■	■	22 23	■	■	■
■	26	4 39	■	■	26 9	■	■	■	■
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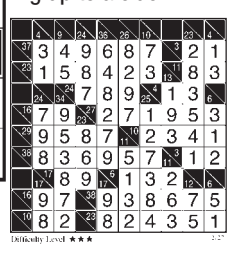
17	■	■	23	■	■	■	3 13	■	■
16	■	■	4 4	■	■	7 9	■	■	■
12	■	■	■	■	3 12	■	■	14	5
8	■	■	■	34	■	■	■	■	■
11	■	■	■	15	■	■	■	■	■

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 2/28



BRIDGE

Whenever some bridge declarers come to a crossroads, they always seem to crash.

In today's deal, South thought he was driving so cleverly along the main highway when in reality he was heading down a side road that looked superficially attractive but was leading to a cliff top.

Against three no-trump, West led the heart three: four, jack, king. South counted seven top tricks and anticipated getting two more from diamonds. He also knew an avoidance play when he saw one.

South led a diamond to dummy's king, returned to his hand with a spade and led a second diamond. If West had played the queen, South was planning to duck in the dummy, keeping East off the lead. However, when West played the 10, declarer put up dummy's ace and led a third round. South was pleased to see West win this trick, but he was less happy when West promptly switched to the club nine (the high card denying interest in the suit) in answer to his partner's encouraging club-seven discard on the previous trick. East won with his ace and returned a heart: down one.

South's path required finding the diamonds 3-2, West's holding the club ace and West's having to win his side's diamond trick. But there was a much better route available. Assuming West's heart three was an honest card, the suit had to be splitting 4-3. If so, South just needed to find West with the club jack. At trick two, South should have played a club to dummy's 10. His nine tricks would have been four spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs.

North 02-28-20
♠ Q 10 7
♥ 7 5 4
♦ A K 7 6 3
♣ Q 10

West
♠ 8 6 3
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ Q 10 9
♣ J 9 4

East
♠ 9 5 2
♥ J 9 6
♦ J 5
♣ A 7 6 5 2

South
♠ A K J 4
♥ K Q 2
♦ 8 4 2
♣ K 8 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

	1			8		3	5	
4					9			
			3	1	2		6	
	3	8						6
		4		9		8		
9						5	4	
	6		2	5	8			
			9					3
	8	1		4			2	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	4	9	5	7	3	8	1	6
5	1	7	8	2	6	9	4	3
3	8	6	4	9	1	5	2	7
9	7	4	6	5	8	1	3	2
6	3	2	9	1	4	7	5	8
8	5	1	7	3	2	4	6	9
4	6	3	1	8	7	2	9	5
1	9	8	2	6	5	3	7	4
7	2	5	3	4	9	6	8	1

Neighbors: Brewery gunman a 'gentleman'; no motive yet known

By GRETCHEN EHLKE and TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — A Milwaukee electrician who police identified Thursday as the man who fatally shot five co-workers at one of the nation's largest breweries enjoyed building guns, according to neighbors.

Authorities said 51-year-old Anthony Ferrill opened fire at the Molson Coors Brewing Co. complex on Wednesday, killing five male employees before turning his gun on himself. His motive remains a mystery; police say the case is still under investigation. They also haven't released details about how the shooting unfolded.

Milwaukee police Chief Alfonso Morales said during a news conference that the victims were all from the Milwaukee area. He identified them as Jesus Valle Jr., 33, of Milwaukee; Gennady Levshetz, 61, of Mequon; Trevor Wetselaar, 33, of Milwaukee; Dana Walk, 57, of Delafield; and Dale Hudson, 60, of Waukesha.

Ferrill's neighbors said he was a married father of two adult children and one younger daughter. They said he had worked at the brewery for about 15 years as an electrician. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported he served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1987 to 1991 and was honorably discharged.

His brother, Benjamin Ferrill, of The Colony, Texas, told The Associated Press: "It's a tragic loss to everybody. We're still trying to digest it."

Erna Roenspies, who lived next door to Ferrill, described him as a nice guy and helpful neighbor who enjoyed building guns with mail-order parts.

Several years ago Ferrill slipped off or fell off a ladder at the brewery and hurt his shoulder, forcing him to miss work. He told Roenspies that "spies" from the brewery were lurking in the neighborhood, watching his activities to make sure he wasn't faking the injury. Once he pointed out the spies' car to her, she said. The spying "irritated" him, she said.

Still, Roenspies, 82, said Ferrill was a "gentleman" who checked up on her to make sure she was all right.

"I considered him a son," she said. "He wasn't violent. He wasn't a drunk. He was a gentleman. I just can't believe it."

Another neighbor, Elizabeth LaPine, described Ferrill as a quiet person who walked his Doberman pinscher every day, and would sometimes throw a ball around for his dog in the street. She said she lived across the street from Ferrill for 11 years.

"It's heartbreaking," she said.

LaPine said Ferrill had several cars and always kept them shiny. She said that the last time she saw Ferrill was Sunday, and he had polished up his burgundy Chrysler, which she called his "Sunday car," and took it for a ride.

The shooting happened at an 82-acre (33-hectare) complex that includes a mix of corporate offices and brewing facilities and employs more than 1,000 people. It's widely known in the Milwaukee area as "Miller Valley," a reference to the Miller Brewing Co. that is now part of Molson Coors.

Molson Coors CEO Gavin Hattersley said the victims all worked together as electricians and machinists in the complex's powerhouse.

"They were a part of the fabric of our company and community and we will miss them deeply," Hattersley said.

Hudson's Facebook page states that he was married and attended Elkhorn Area High School. A woman who answered the phone at his home had no comment.

Walk's Facebook page states that he attended Kettle Moraine High School and contains photos of fishing and sailing.

Wetselaar's LinkedIn page says he graduated from UW-Madison and he worked as an engine room operator with Miller Coors since 2018. Before that he served as a nuclear reactor operator in the U.S. Navy.

Levshetz's obituary identified him as married with two children and two grandchildren. It said he would be remembered as a "kind, caring, and giving person who always put his family's needs before his own."

A woman who answered a call to a possible listing for Valle said she was his sister. She declined to give her name, but said he leaves behind a wife and two small children. She was crying and the sounds of others crying in the background could be heard. She declined further comment.

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Vice President Mike Pence shakes hands with a worker as he tours the Secretary's Operations Center following a coronavirus task force meeting at the Department of Health and Human Services, Thursday, in Washington.

New coronavirus case escalates U.S. response

By DON THOMPSON and ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

VACAVILLE, Calif. — Public health officials were retracing the steps of a Northern California woman on Thursday believed to be the first person in the U.S. to contract the highly contagious coronavirus without traveling internationally or being in close contact with anyone who had it.

The diagnosis, confirmed Wednesday, marks an escalation of the worldwide outbreak in the U.S. because it means the virus could now spread beyond the reach of quarantines and other preventative measures. But state health officials were quick to reassure the public on Thursday that such a scenario was inevitable and the risk of widespread transmission remained low.

The case raised questions about how quickly public health officials are moving to diagnose and treat new cases. State and federal health officials disagreed Thursday about when doctors first requested the woman be tested.

Doctors at the UC Davis Medical Center said they asked the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to test the woman for the virus on Feb. 19. But they said the CDC did not approve the testing until Sunday "since the patient did not fit the existing CDC criteria" for the virus, according to a memo posted to the hospital's website.

CDC spokesman Richard Quartarone said a preliminary review of agency records indicates the agency did not know about the woman until Sunday, the same day the woman was first tested.

Quartarone said the agency is concerned about reports of delayed testing and is "investigating this carefully." He said the CDC has can test about 400 specimens per day.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said the state was limited in how many people it could test because it only had 200 testing kits. But he said federal officials have promised to send many more testing kits in the coming days.

"I'm not going to politicize this moment And I'm not going to point fingers," Newsom said. "We have had a very strong working relationship with the (Trump) administration."

Investigators were focused Thursday on tracing the woman's movements to figure out how she got the virus and who else she may have unwittingly infected. The woman first sought treatment at NorthBay VacaValley Hospital in Vacaville, a city of more than 100,000 people about 59 miles (95 kilometers) from San Francisco.

Ten experts from the CDC arrived Thursday morning and were heading to Vacaville to help with the search, said Dr. James Watt, interim state epidemiologist at the California Department of Public Health.

With the patient as ground zero, they are interviewing immediate family members. Then, as with any similar case, they are expanding the net to include more distant family members who may have been in contact, social events the patient may expanded, like going to church. Did she go to work? Attend a concert?

They are not too worried, for now, about casual contact, because federal officials think the coronavirus is spread only through "close contact, being within six feet of somebody for what they're calling a prolonged period of time," said Watt, who was the state's deputy epidemiologist for 10 years before he took the interim post two months ago.

"That's more than casual contact at a grocery store," Watt said. "That's where our focus is going to be. ... What was the pattern of disease transmission?"

All of the 59 other cases in the U.S. have been for people who had traveled abroad or had close contact with others who traveled.

Earlier U.S. cases included 14 in people who returned from outbreak areas in China, or their spouses; three people who were evacuated from the central China city of Wuhan; and 42 American passengers on the Diamond Princess cruise ship who were evacuated by the federal government to the U.S. from where the ship was docked in Japan.

Pence tries to project calm as virus response coordinator

By ZEKE MILLER and DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence sought to project calm Thursday in his new role as chief coordinator of the government's response to the coronavirus as the Trump administration rushed to contain mounting public concerns and some of the worst stock market declines in more than a decade.

Pence convened his first meeting of President Donald Trump's coronavirus task force one day after the president made him the government's point-person for the epidemic. Pence also tapped a seasoned medical professional to be his chief adviser and said Trump had "tasked us to take every step necessary" to protect the American people."

The meeting came amid confusion over who was leading the inter-agency coordinating process to confront the virus. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar stood alongside Trump on Wednesday when the president announced he was putting Pence "in charge" of the government's virus response.

At the end of the White House briefing, Azar said he was "delighted" to have the vice president's help but also said he wanted to "clarify" that "I'm still chairman of the task force."

Pence explained things differently Thursday. "I'm leading the task force," he said after being asked to clarify, though he noted that Azar continues to hold the title of chairman.

Trump, himself, later defended his administration's handling of the coronavirus during an Oval Office meeting with black supporters and again suggested part of the market slide was due to nervousness about the Democrats seeking to replace him.

"If any of these people ever did happen to assume the presidency you would have a crash like you've never seen before. And I think the market is also putting that into the equation."

Until now, acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney was responsible for coordinating the response across the government outside of the health care agencies. Facing lawmakers' questions Thursday about the new organizational chart, Azar said Pence would now fill that role.

Administration aides insisted there was no daylight between the two men, noting that Pence had scheduled the first meeting under his leadership to be held at HHS instead of at the White House.

A year after House vote, Dems challenge McConnell on guns

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Frustrated Democrats again lambasted Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell Thursday as they marked a year of Senate inaction since the House passed landmark gun control legislation.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi acknowledged that Democrats have been here before – complaining about McConnell's "legislative graveyard" – but she said Democrats were energized to "accelerate a drumbeat" on calls for McConnell to allow a Senate vote on a House-passed bill to expand background checks for gun purchases.

McConnell's name came up repeatedly at a raucous House ceremony marking the one-year anniversary of the House bill. Speaking a day after a gunman killed five people at a Milwaukee brewery, Pelosi said McConnell was giving new meaning to his self-described nickname as the "grim reaper" of Democratic legislation.

"It's very sad that the Grim Reaper has decided that more people will die because he is the Grim Reaper," Pelosi said. "One hundred people a day die from gun violence. Not all of them could be saved by this legislation, but many could."

More than 39,000 people were killed by firearms in 2018, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a number that advocates said translates into more than 100 gun-related deaths per day. More than 60 percent of gun deaths are by suicide, with a small number of accidental deaths.

The death toll includes thousands of children under 18 killed by firearms, a number Pelosi called haunting.

Addressing McConnell directly, Pelosi asked: "Why do think your political survival is more important than the survival of our children? Give us a vote."

Her words were met by thunderous applause from lawmakers, advocates and survivors of gun violence gathered in an ornate room outside the House chamber.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer also drew applause when he scolded President Donald Trump for offering mere condolences after the country's latest mass shooting. An employee at one of the nation's largest breweries gunned down five co-workers in Milwaukee Wednesday before killing himself.

"Enough words!" Schumer shouted. "How about a little action" on gun control?

Under McConnell's leadership, the Senate has taken up "zero" gun-related legislation since the House passed the background checks bill last February, Schumer said. He and others made circles with their fingers and held them up to demonstrate the Senate's inaction.

A spokesman for McConnell declined to comment. In the past, McConnell has dismissed Democrats' call for gun-control legislation as "theatrics."

McConnell refuses to allow a vote on the background checks bill because he says it's not clear the Senate would be able to pass the legislation or that Trump would sign it into law.

For Democratic leaders, "It's all about trying to scare people," McConnell said in September after a similar Democratic news conference.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said McConnell and other Republicans should get used to the idea of Democrats speaking up about gun safety.

"We're building a political movement, and it is coming to get every single Republican who votes against this" bill on background checks, he said.

"Either you are with 90 percent of the American people (who support expanded background checks) or you are with the NRA," Murphy said, referring the National Rifle Association, the gun industry's top lobbying group.

If McConnell continues "to allow the NRA to be in charge of the Senate ... he is going to be the minority leader very soon," Murphy said.

"If that," a supporter yelled. McConnell faces a well-funded challenge from Democrat Amy McGrath in Kentucky.

J. Scott Applewhite / AP

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., right, stands with Wayne and Judi Richardson of Portland, Maine, as he holds a portrait of their daughter Darien who was killed by a gunman during a home invasion, during an event on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Thursday. Today marks the one-year anniversary of passage in the House of the Bipartisan Background Check Act to close loopholes for gun purchases but the bill remains in the Republican-controlled Senate awaiting action.

Kin Cheung / AP

A woman wearing a face mask as a precaution against COVID-19 while using a smartphone in a subway train in Hong Kong on Thursday. As the worst-hit areas of Asia continued to struggle with a viral epidemic, with hundreds more cases reported Thursday in South Korea and China, worries about infection and containment spread across the globe.

Countries take harsh steps as they struggle to contain virus

By MATT SEDENSKY and JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Saudi Arabia cut travel to Islam's holiest sites, South Korea toughened penalties for those breaking quarantines and airports across Latin America looked for signs of sick passengers Thursday as the new virus troubled a mushrooming swath of the globe.

With the illness pushing its way into a sixth continent and the number of sick and dead rising, the crisis gave way to political and diplomatic rows, concern that bordered on panic in some quarters, and a sense that no part of the world was immune to the disease's spread.

"Viruses don't know borders and they don't stop at them," said Roberto Speranza, the health minister in Italy, where northern towns were on army-guarded lockdowns and supermarket shelves were bare.

As growing parts of Europe and the Middle East saw infections and a first case was found in South America, air routes were halted and border control toughened. But for an illness transmitted so easily, with its tentacles reaching into so many parts of the world, leaders puzzled over how to keep the virus from proliferating seemed willing to try anything to keep their people – and economies – safe.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called for schools across the country to close for weeks, a decision that impacted 12.8 million students.

"The most important thing is to prevent infections," said Norinobu Sawada, vice principal of Koizumi primary school, "so there aren't many other options."

In South Korea, the hardest-hit country outside China, four Busan markets known for colorful silks and a dizzying array of other wares were shuttered while the country's military sent hundreds of its doctors and soldiers to aid in treatment and quarantines.

In Iran, the front line of Mideast infections, officials loosened rules barring the import of many foreign-made items to allow in sanitizers, face masks and other necessities, and removed overhead handles on Tehran's subways to eliminate another source of germs. Peru put specialists on round-the-clock shifts at its biggest airport, Argentina took the temperature of some new arrivals and El Salvador added bans for travelers from Italy and South Korea.

The Dominican Republic turned back a cruise ship carrying 1,500 people because eight of those aboard showed potential symptoms of the Covid-19 virus. And in Africa, South Africa's president ordered the evacuation of citizens from the Chinese city of Wuhan, where the virus outbreak began.

The holy city of Mecca, which able-bodied Muslims are called to visit at least once in their lives, and the Prophet Muhammad's mosque in Medina were cut off to potentially millions of pilgrims, with Saudi Arabia making the extraordinary decision to stop the spread of the virus.

With the monarchy offering no firm date for the lifting of the restrictions, it posed the possibility of affecting those planning to make their hajj, a ritual beginning at the end of July this year.

"We ask God Almighty to spare all humanity from all harm," the country said in announcing the decision.

Disease has been a constant concern surrounding the hajj, with cholera outbreaks in the 19th century killing tens of thousands making the trip. More recently, another coronavirus that caused Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS, prompted increased public health measures, but no outbreak resulted.

It wasn't just governments that were taking action: Cologne Cathedral, one of Germany's main religious sites, was emptying its basins of 'holy water' to prevent the spread of infection. And in the United States, Facebook said it was canceling its annual conference for developers.

COVID-19's westward creep – including a case in California in the United States that does not appear linked to overseas travel – had some countries warning their people to obey measures intended to keep a single case from blossoming into a cluster that could paralyze a community.

A man originally from Wuhan, the Chinese city at the center of the global outbreak, who contracted the virus was charged alongside his wife in Singapore for allegedly lying about their whereabouts as officials tried to stem further infections. In Colombia, which has yet to report any cases, officials reminded residents they could be jailed for up to eight years if they violate containment measures. And in South Korea, the National Assembly passed a law strengthening the punishment for those violating self-isolation, more than tripling the fine and adding the possibility of a year in prison.

"It came later than it should have," said Lee Hae-shik, spokesman for the ruling Democratic Party, calling for further non-partisan cooperation to address the outbreak.

Countries' efforts to contain the virus opened up diplomatic scuffles. South Korea fought prohibitions keeping its citizens out of 40 countries, calling them excessive and unnecessary. China warned Russia to stop discriminatory measures against its people, including monitoring on public transit. Iran used the crisis to rail against the U.S., which it accused of "a conspiracy" that was sowing fear.

The global count of those sickened by the virus hovered around 82,000, with 433 new cases reported Thursday in China and another 505 in South Korea, where the military called off joint drills planned with American troops. Iran's caseload surged by more than 100 cases.

Even the furthest reaches of the globe were touched by the epidemic, with a woman testing positive in Tromsoe, the fjord-dotted Norwegian city with panoramas of snow-capped mountains. Health officials said the woman had traveled to China.

29 Turkish soldiers killed in northeast Syria air strike

By BASSEM MROUE and ANDREW WILKS
Associated Press

BEIRUT — An air strike by Syrian government forces killed 29 Turkish soldiers in northeast Syria, a Turkish official said Friday, marking the largest death toll for Turkey in a single day since it first intervened in Syria in 2016.

The deaths were a serious escalation in the direct conflict between Turkish and Russia-backed Syrian forces that has been waged since early February.

Rahmi Dogan, the governor of Turkey's Hatay province bordering Syria's Idlib region, said 29 troops were killed and others were seriously wounded in the attack late Thursday. He said 39 injured were being treated in Turkish hospitals.

Three Turkish soldiers killed earlier Thursday in Idlib. At least 50 have now been killed in Idlib since the start of February.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was holding an emergency security meeting in Ankara, state-run Anadolu news agency reported. Meanwhile Turkish Foreign Minister Mevult Cavusoglu spoke to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg by telephone.

Erdogan's spokesman Ibrahim Kalin, who plays a senior role in foreign affairs, also spoke to U.S. National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien.

The air strike came after a Russian delegation spent two days in Ankara for talks with Turkish officials on the situation in Idlib, where a Syrian government offensive has sent hundreds of thousands of civilians fleeing towards the Turkish border.

The offensive has also engulfed many of the 12 military observation posts Turkey has in Idlib.

Fahrettin Altun, Erdogan's communications director, said "all known" Syrian government targets were under attack by Turkish air and land forces in response to the deaths.

Turkish television news channels aired black-and-white footage of air strikes on Syrian targets.

Omer Celik, spokesman for Erdogan's ruling party, said NATO should stand by Turkey's side. Ankara recently called for U.S. Patriot missiles to be deployed to defend its forces in Syria.

In a message seemingly aimed at Europe, he added: "Our refugee policy is the same but there's a situation there, we're no longer able to hold refugees."

Turkey hosts some 3.6 million Syrians and under a 2016 deal with the European Union agreed to step up efforts to halt the flow of refugees to Europe. Since then Erdogan has repeatedly threatened to "open the gates" in several disputes with European states.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 34 Turkish soldiers were killed in air strikes on Idlib on Thursday. It said the attacks occurred in an area between the villages of al-Bara and Baliun near the Jabal al-Zawiya region in the southern Idlib countryside. The Britain-based Observatory monitors the Syria war through a network of activists on the ground.

The air strike came after Turkey-backed Syrian opposition fighters retook a strategic northwestern town from government forces on Thursday, opposition activists said, cutting a key highway just days after the government reopened it for the first time since 2012.

Despite losing the town of Saraqeb, Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces made major gains to the south. Assad now controls almost the entire southern part of Idlib province after capturing more than 20 villages Thursday, state media and opposition activists said. It's part of a weekslong campaign backed by Russian air power into Syria's last rebel stronghold.

Violence in Idlib province also left three more Turkish soldiers dead, according to Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, raising the number of Turkish troops killed in Syria this month to 21. Thousands of Turkish soldiers are deployed inside rebel-controlled areas of Idlib province, which is dominated by al-Qaida-linked militants.

Ghaith Alsayed

Turkish backed Syrian rebels enter the own of Saraqeb, in Idlib province, Syria, Thursday.

Britain opens trade talks with a threat to walk away

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain laid out its opening demands for upcomingtrade talks with the European Union on Thursday,including a blunt threat to walk away from the negotiating table if there is no progress within four months.

The two sides appear headed for a rocky first round of negotiations as they try to forge a new relationship following the U.K.'s departure from the now 27-nation bloc.

Britain and the EU both say they want to reach a free trade agreement, but have starkly divergent views on how it should be overseen and what constitutes fair competition between their two economies.

The EU says Britain must agree to follow the bloc's rules in areas ranging from state aid to environmental protections, and give European boats access to U.K. fishing waters, if the two sides are to strike a good deal.

But the U.K. is demanding the right to diverge from the bloc's rules in order to strike new trade agreements around the world, and to give the British government a freer hand to intervene in the U.K. economy.

Virginia Mayo / AP

European Union chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, center, walks to an EU General Affairs ministers from EU headquarters in Brussels, Tuesday,

"In pursuit of a deal we will not trade away our sovereignty," Michael Gove, the minister in charge of Brexit preparations, told lawmakers in the House of Commons.

"We will not be seeking to dynamically alignwith EU rules on EU terms, governed by EU laws and EU institutions."

That conflict will be one of the big hurdles in talks, which are due to begin Monday in Brussels. Fishing is likely to be another flashpoint. EU nations – especially France – want Britain to grant European boats long-term access to U.K. waters. Britain wants to negotiate fishing quotas annually.

Britain left the EU on Jan. 31 but remains bound by the bloc's rules until a post-Brexit transition period ends on Dec. 31. A divorce agreement between the two sides allows for the transition to be extended for two more years, but British Prime Minister Boris Johnson insists he will not agree to that.

That leaves the two sides just months to seal a wide-ranging deal.

Britain's negotiating guidelines insist that there is "limited, but sufficient time" to get an agreement. The document says a "broad outline" of an agreement should be done by June. It warns that if there is not sufficient progress by then, the U.K. could walk away and focus on "domestic preparations to exit the transition period in an orderly fashion."

Johnson's Conservative government says thatwith or without a trade deal the U.K. will be leaving the bloc's structures – including its single market for trade in goods and services – as of Jan. 1, 2021.

Britain hopes by then to have a trade agreement with the bloc similar to the one struck between the EU and Canada. Such a deal would eliminate tariffs and quotas on trade in goods, but it's less clear what it would mean for the services sector that makes up four-fifths of Britain's economy.

Israeli top court rules against surrogacy law excluding gays

By TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court ruled against a surrogacy law Thursday that critics said discriminated against same-sex couples and which sparked uproar in the LGBT community when it was passed.

In a statement, the court said the 2018 law, which expanded access to surrogacy in Israel to single women but excluded gay couples, "disproportionately harmed the right to equality and the right to parenthood" for same-sex couples and that it was unlawful. It gave the state a year to change the law.

Israeli same-sex couples looking to become parents are often deterred by the additional costs that come with finding a surrogate in another country, costs they could save if they were allowed to use a surrogate in Israel.

"This is a historic decision for Israel, for the gay community and for thousands of Israeli couples who will fulfill their basic right to become parents," said Hila Peer, head of The Aguda-The Association for LGBTQ Equality in Israel.

The state had argued that the law was intended to protect surrogate mothers but the court ruled that it would be possible to strike a balance that would not discriminate.

The law's passage prompted tens of thousands of LGBT members and their families to protest, with many leaving work to demonstrate on the streets of Tel Aviv, Israel's liberal bastion, and elsewhere.

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The Covert Public Housing Commission's 2020 Annual Plan and it's 2020-2024 Five Year Plan is available for review until 1:00 PM on April 13, 2020. The plan may be viewed at the housing office at 73860 E. Lake St., Covert, MI during regular business hours. A public meeting will be held on April 13, 2020 at 1:15 PM in the Fred Williams Lounge at the Walnut Grove Apartments, 73860 E. Lake St., Covert, MI 49043.

NOTICE
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, EQUIPPING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND FOR THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND THE SYSTEM.

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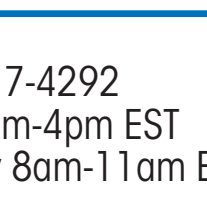

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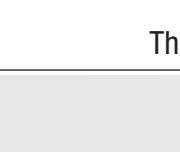

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By EUGENIA LAST

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Invest in projects that will make a difference. Let your instincts lead the way and investment opportunities develop. An innovative idea will pay off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Practice moderation. Taking on too much will decrease your chances of reaching your full potential. Don't make an emotional leap if you are questioning the landing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your best efforts will result in success. If you let your intuition lead the way, you won't be disappointed. Keep your private affairs to yourself. Be consistent in your words and deeds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Use your energy wisely. You'll get run down if you try to do everything yourself. Either extend your deadlines or solicit help. Maintain honesty and integrity to avoid opposition and criticism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let uncertainty get to you. Keep moving along, regardless of what others decide to do. Putting in the time and energy to reach your goal will pay off. Positive change is heading your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take better care of yourself. Diet, exercise and rest should be part of your daily routine. Take on only what's doable and be sure to balance your schedule between work and play.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can make adjustments, negotiate and set a path that will help you reach your personal or professional goal. Help will be offered if you speak to someone with experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Concentrate on what you have to accomplish. Discipline and hard work will be required if you want to maintain a good reputation. Deliver what you promise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take care of business and sign up for entertaining events or activities. A shift in attitude will help you move on emotionally. An exciting encounter will brighten your day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pay more attention to the way you look and how you handle your cash. Come up with a plan that utilizes what you already have and limits spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't run yourself ragged. If rest is required, give yourself a chance to rejuvenate. You'll accomplish more and do a better job if you have a clear head.

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